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Workers to close airport for Sabbath

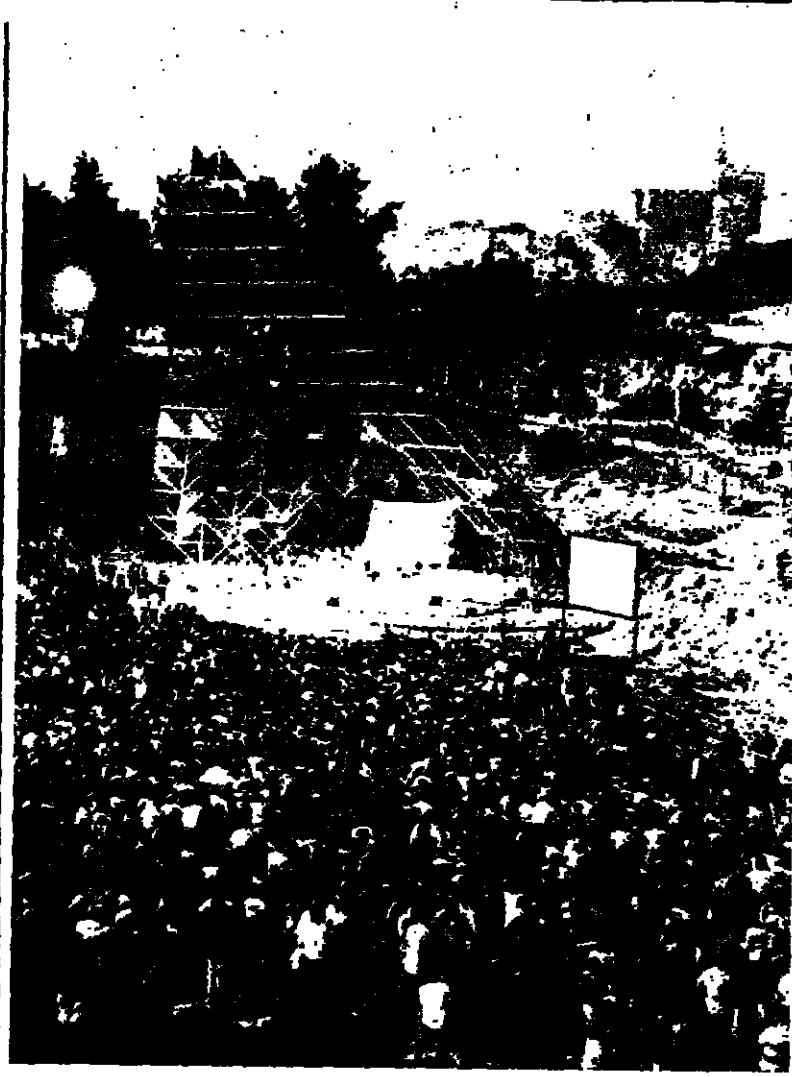
By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ben-Gurion Airport will close today in the late afternoon and reopen only tomorrow night as workers strike to protest the cabinet's decision to ground El Al on Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

The government has done little to stop the airport authority, customs, cargo handlers and refueling company workers from striking. Transport Minister Haim Corfu, who had said he would confer with the staff committee's leaders, has not done so and restricted himself yesterday to expressing the hope that the workers will come to their senses.

Shlomo Azulai, the staff committee's leader, told *The Jerusalem Post* that workers would honour back-to-work orders, but an aide to Corfu said none would be issued. "Can you imagine issuing an order to work on the Sabbath?" he said.

The closure virtually severs Israel's air links with the world, since only small airports such as those at Eilat and Sde Dov are open for international flights. Sde Dov can accommodate only light aircraft.



Veterans who fought in the liberation of Jerusalem gather at the Sultan's Pool yesterday to commemorate their fallen comrades on Jerusalem Day. (Rahamim Israeli)

2-hour civil service strike set for Monday

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Hundreds of thousands of government employees, teachers, hospital staff, and workers in ports, airports and government corporations will hold two-hour "shop meetings" on Monday backing the Histadrut's wage demands.

The meetings, scheduled between 10 a.m. and noon, are merely the "first step" in the struggle with the treasury, the secretary-general of the civil servants union, Reuven Ben-Ami, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

A general strike will be launched the following week, unless the government pays the IS425 "erosion allowance" to all employees and agrees to wage negotiations with the various unions, Ben-Ami warned.

The labour federation ridiculed the Treasury's decision to pay an IS500 advance only to workers whose income is less than IS11,733, which is the average wage.

"This is a degrading step, something like a welfare payment," an official Histadrut statement said yesterday. It was to be given to only one third of the employees.

"If (Finance Minister Yoram) Aridor is so good — let him be good to everybody," Ben-Ami said.

The Histadrut rejected the government's claim that the agreement providing for the erosion allowance had expired. The labour federation claimed it was still binding, as it was a supplement to the cost-of-living allowance.

Veterans, youth mark United Jerusalem Day

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Veterans gathered on old battlefields and costumed youths danced through the centre of town yesterday, as Jerusalem marked the 15th anniversary of its reunification in the Six Day War.

In beautiful spring weather, residents and visitors celebrated Jerusalem Day in solemnity and joy. The day began with special prayers recited in synagogues, and concluded close to midnight with yeshiva students dancing from Yeshivat Mercaz Harav at the city's western entrance to the Western Wall.

Veterans of the 55th Paratroop Brigade held their annual gathering on Ammunition Hill in the afternoon with their former commander Rav-Aluf (res.) Mordechai Gur, now a Labour Knesset member. Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin addressed the gathering. After darkness, brigade veterans held a special assembly in the Sultan's Pool at the foot of Mount Zion. Many of the brigade members who had survived the battle for Jerusalem in 1967 fell in the Yom Kippur War, a number of them in the town of Suez.

On the eve of Jerusalem Day, the Sultan's Pool was the site of a concert attended by thousands sitting on the slopes and floor of the ancient pool-turned-amphitheatre. Shuli Natan, who had introduced

Begin, Peres start moves to lure MKs

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin will start taking steps to expand his narrowed coalition this morning when he meets with the two Telem MKs. *The Jerusalem Post* learned last night from sources close to Begin.

At the same time, Labour yesterday made its first move in an attempt to win the three Tami MKs away from the Likud coalition. Efforts are also being made to preempt a Telem entry into the coalition.

The meeting between Begin and the Telem MKs was arranged after Begin told MK Yigael Hurvitz he does not intend entering prolonged and tortuous negotiations which would leave the government in limbo.

Begin told Hurvitz that a government cannot function in uncertainty and that he does not intend staying on as head of a coalition which officially has only 59 of the 120 MKs. Begin also told Hurvitz he expects a very speedy decision from Telem.

Sources close to Begin add that the premier has decided that if he cannot speedily expand the coalition and restore it to at least the slim majority it had before two Likud MKs defected to the Alignment, he will seek to convince his coalition partners to support an early elections bill which he would like to table.

The sources say they are sure Begin will, if necessary, be able to move for early elections with the agreement of his partners. The National Religious Party is especially wary of elections, fearing an even greater beating that it received in 1981. Begin is confident he will increase his power, but does not want to antagonize potential coalition partners.

The NRP has agreed it would not opt for an alternative coalition under Labour if Begin seeks early elections if his government fell. But the NRP will be free to act as it wishes if Begin initiates elections.

Begin for his part would not like to resign as a result of a successful Alignment no-confidence motion. If Telem does not join the coalition, he will seek to explain to the NRP that his government has lost its majority and that he has no choice but to seek elections.

NRP sources meanwhile told *The Jerusalem Post* (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Mapam weighs divorce from Labour Party

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam warned last night that unless the Labour Party abrogates its agreement with the two defectors from the Likud — MKs Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz, the partnership between Labour and Mapam would be terminated.

But the Labour political bureau yesterday nevertheless approved the deal with Peretz and Linn, putting the two major alignment components on an apparent collision course. Seven of the Alignment's Knesset members belong to Mapam.

"This time it is serious, and no whitewashing or watery compromises will satisfy Mapam. It is either us or Peretz and Linn. Labour will have to make a choice," highly placed sources in Mapam told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Labour Party sources strove to play down the Mapam objections, arguing that "Mapam's problem isn't really moral indignation about the deal or the ideology of the defectors, but the fear that Peretz and Linn will push Mapam members lower on the Alignment Knesset list. We will make it clear to Mapam that the two will get Labour and not Mapam seats and then all will quickly be straightened out."

Yet Mapam stressed yesterday that "this is one problem that will not be swept under the carpet. Labour is striking new records of cynicism if it implies that Mapam is worried about Knesset seats rather than issues. The Mapam central committee will convene on Sunday and radical decisions may be adopted about the Alignment's future."

It was noted that thus far no one in Mapam had a good word to say about the deal with the Likud defectors, and that opposition to it is powerful even among those in Mapam who had been the strongest advocates of the alignment with Labour.

Mapam leaders had earlier yesterday met with their Labour counterparts and told them in no uncertain terms that their party will not agree to co-opt Linn and Peretz into the Alignment. The Mapam leaders stressed that the agreement between the parties specifically states that Mapam has the right to oppose the entry of any new faction

PLO terrorists caught planting mines

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Three Soviet-made mines were discovered yesterday morning by Christian militiamen on a road 700 metres northwest of Marjayoun in Southern Lebanon. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The militiamen surprised a group of four or five terrorists, probably belonging to George Habash's faction of the PLO, while they were planting the mines on the heavily travelled road. When fire was opened on them, the terrorists fled north across the Litani river. They apparently came from the Mazrat Mahmudiya area in Southern Lebanon, in which there has been no UNIFIL presence until now.

The mines, set to explode simultaneously, were safely dismantled by sappers. Soviet-made grenades and ammunition were also found.

Maj. Sa'ad Haddad, head of the Christian militia, lodged a protest at UNIFIL headquarters over the terrorists' violation of the cease-fire.

In another incident, a UNIFIL helicopter, evacuating an Irish member of the peace-keeping contingent, drew heavy automatic fire when it flew over terrorist and leftist positions in the Tibnin area. Dutch UNIFIL soldiers on board returned fire. The helicopter was not hit.

Commenting on the situation in South Lebanon, Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan said, "The IDF has gone back to routine work. It's not that we are having second thoughts, but, like the kids say during a street fight: 'We'll see.'"

Hopes for Falklands settlement fade Limited action order given to UK forces

LONDON. — Britain's war cabinet has ordered its naval task force to step up action aimed at regaining the Argentine-held Falkland Islands, a senior government source said last night.

But the source said a series of hit-and-run raids and small-scale landings were anticipated rather than a major assault against an estimated 9,000 Argentine defenders on the South Atlantic islands. "We are now entering a new military phase," the source said. "You will see the screws tightened quite quickly and quite tightly." The source said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government had virtually given up hope of a peaceful settlement of the conflict over sovereignty of the island chain.

In parliament earlier Thatcher seemed to reject the last-ditch sug-

gestions of the UN secretary-general and said Britain's final proposals were no longer on the table since they had been rejected by Argentina.

The source said the task force commander, Rear Admiral John Woodward, had been given the go-ahead to move against Argentine troops and told to "get on with it as fast as he sensibly can." The source said "attrition is the name of the game."

The source, briefing reporters, said the government wanted to keep casualties down on both sides.

That was why there would probably be no major frontal assault on the main Argentine garrison, stationed in the Falklands capital of Port Stanley.

Picking off isolated and demoralised Argentine camps might be the best way of eventually regaining control of the whole island chain, the source said.

The source pointed to a raid on outlying Pebble Island last weekend as typical of what action could immediately lie ahead.

In that operation, defence of-

Foreign Ministry says Arabs treat Africans like slaves

By BENNY MORRIS
Post Diplomatic Reporter and Agencies

The diplomatic battle over the restoration of Israel's ties with black Africa gained momentum yesterday, with Prime Minister Menachem Begin sending a personal message of support to Zaire's leader and more Arab states imposing diplomatic sanctions against that country.

In his message to Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko, Begin reportedly reiterated Israel's promise to supply a wide range of technical assistance for development and defence projects, and said that Israel would help Zaire improve its relations with the democracies, especially the U.S.

Foreign Ministry officials yesterday charged the Arab states with "hypocrisy" in their campaign against the resumption of ties with Israel by black African countries. "They do not punish European states for having ties with Israel. They are treating the African states like slaves, resuming the old slave-trading relationship between Arab North Africa and Saudi Arabia and black Africa," said one official.

Meanwhile, Qatar yesterday

joined Saudi Arabia in breaking off diplomatic relations with Zaire. And Algeria yesterday joined Tunisia in withdrawing its ambassador from Kinshasa "for consultations at home."

The swift Arab diplomatic actions, and the threat of financial and oil sanctions against any African state resuming ties with Israel, has apparently cooled the desire to restore relations with Israel which may exist in black African capitals other than Zaire.

Asked to comment on Zaire's decision, Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, in London, said, "We have no diplomatic relations with Israel and would wish other countries to follow suit."

Senegal, Togo, Cameroun, the

Sharon arrives in U.S. for meetings, speeches

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW YORK. — Defence Minister Ariel Sharon arrived here yesterday for a meeting with members of the Israeli defence mission. He will leave for Washington tomorrow to address 1,000 leaders of the UJA and on Sunday will address the participants in the Salute For Israel parade in New York.

He is scheduled to meet with administration officials on Monday.

Sharon's itinerary in Washington includes meetings with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig. He is expected to discuss reviving the memorandum of understanding on strategic cooperation and will seek U.S. approval to use aid funds to strengthen Israel's ties with Africa, and to bolster the Israeli defence industry.



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AMSTERDAM	10	18	10	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	8	18	10	Rain
WILHELMSHAVEN	7	18	10	Sunny
CHICAGO	14	20	10	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	9	18	10	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	9	18	10	Cloudy
GENEVA	13	23	10	Cloudy
HELSINKI	5	11	10	Cloudy
HONG KONG	20	27	10	Clear
JAKARTA	27	30	10	Clear
LONDON	11	18	10	Cloudy
MADRID	12	24	10	Clear
MONTREAL	11	18	10	Rain
NEW YORK	15	20	10	Cloudy
OSLO	4	10	10	Rain
PARIS	14	22	10	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	11	22	10	Clear
ROME	11	22	10	Clear
SAO PAULO	18	22	10	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	8	11	10	Cloudy
TOKYO	13	18	10	Rain
TORONTO	10	23	10	Rain
VICTORIA	14	22	10	Clear
ZURICH	11	22	10	Rain

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy
Outlook for Shabbat: warmer

	Yesterday's	Today's	Max	Min
Jerusalem	39	11-21	23	11
C. Jan	43	10-22	24	10
Nahariya	56	24-25	25	24
Safed	47	20-22	22	20
Haifa Port	61	18-23	24	18
Tiberias	43	14-27	29	14
Nazareth	59	15-22	24	15
Afula	46	13-25	26	13
Shomron	49	13-22	24	13
Tel Aviv	58	16-25	25	16
B-G Airport	53	15-24	26	15
Jericho	36	15-29	29	15
Gaza	62	16-23	24	16
Beerseba	40	12-24	26	12
Eilat	14	19-31	32	19

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

A national convention of the Soroptimists Clubs, dedicated to considering the Soroptimists' contribution to Human Relations, will be held at Beit Remez, Zichron Ya'acov, today and tomorrow. Mrs. Michal Zmora-Cohn will give the key-note address.

Gad Ya'acoby MK, will speak on "The Need for Change" at the Haifa Engineers Club, 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 04-674583.

Birth

Tziporah and Ze'ev Shapiro of Moshav Beit Yatzir announce the birth on Monday, Iyar 24 — May 17, of a son, brother of Re'em and Yakir, grandson of Doris and David Shapiro and Barbara and Moshe Kohn, all of Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Gerda Herz Schops and Mrs. Irene Meyer, for the Otto Herz Memorial Lecture in Cancer Research.

Her Excellency Dr. Herta and Paul Amir, Austrian Minister of Science and Research, and Honorary Chairperson of the Austrian Friends of Tel Aviv University, for the ceremony of conferring an Honorary Fellowship on her, Mrs. Herta R. Gertner, President of the Austrian Friends of Tel Aviv University, and Mr. Gertner, for the presentation of the University President's Award to her, and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Gertner, and Mrs. Dr. K. H. Hertz, Dipl. Ing., Frau Prof. H. Hertz, Prof. Dr. and Mrs. F. Swoboda; Mr. and Mrs. D. Rabinowicz; Mr. Konrad-Rat E. Kohn and other distinguished guests, for the two events and for the dedication of the Austrian Floor of the Sackler School of Medicine.

Austrian Science and Culture Minister Dr. Herta Rabinowicz, for a week's visit as the guest of Tel Aviv University.

AWARDS. — The Carmel Lodge of B'nai B'rith this week awarded 50 scholarships totalling IS 100,000 to pupils in eight Haifa schools.

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Row brewing over new TA sports facility

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The city will finance tens of millions of shekels' worth of sports facilities on 12 dunams near the Yarkon Park and 70 square metres on Rehov Maccabi for the Maccabi Sports Association, in exchange for the Association's vacating six dunams on Rehov Maccabi, according to an agreement approved Wednesday by the city's Properties Division.

"This is a gift of dozens of millions of shekels, given for political and party reasons, of an area and funds which could have been devoted to housing or other urgent public needs," City Control Committee chairman Arye Zucker said about the agreement yesterday.

In exchange for the new area and buildings, which will include a 2,000-seat basketball arena, the Association will build a public parking lot for the city, the agreement states. But the agreement does not specify what buildings the city will have to construct for the Association or what size the parking lot will be.

Several years ago, the Maccabi Sports Association leased from the city 3,229 square metres on Rehov Maccabi, on which it built sports

structures and facilities. Maccabi also took over a building nearby, now the Orly Cinema, and leased it to the cinema owners. With the cinema hall, Maccabi controls six dunams, although it leased less than four dunams from the municipality.

Moreover, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned that the lease on the land ended two years ago, and the Maccabi Sports Association has had no rights there since.

The agreement also says that the Association will publish tenders with its requirements for the buildings, which the municipality will finance at prices linked to the housing-prices index, plus bank interest from the day the construction offers are made to the Tenders' Committee.

All the expenses for vacating the Orly cinema, which the Association has been leasing to the cinema owners over the years although it is on municipal land, will be paid by the city, according to the agreement.

A year ago, the city leased 48.5 dunams to the Maccabi, Betar and Elitzur sports associations near the Yarkon Park for IS1 a year for 49 years, while the Hapoel sports association (sponsored by the Labour Party) claims that it pays huge sums for areas it leases from the city.



Members of a French army delegation, who are visiting units of Israeli women soldiers, visit a paratroop school. The delegation leader, General Valerie Andree, talks to an Israeli woman paratrooper. (Herzl Kunsari).

Satmar rebbe contingent to visit new Jerusalem hotel

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's newest luxury hotel is likely to host as its first large gathering a group of anti-Zionists, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

The Laromne Hotel, at the edge of the city's Liberty Bell Park, is nearing completion, with the unofficial opening due for the beginning of June. One of its first guests will probably be Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum, the new rebbe of Satmar, along with a group of his *hassidim* from the U.S.

Rabbi Teitelbaum succeeded to his position upon the death of his uncle, the late Yoel Teitelbaum, two years ago. This will be the new rebbe's first visit to Israel and, in view of his group's extreme anti-

Zionist views, most likely his last. The Satmar *hassidim* have recently been in the news thanks to their sponsorship of the Rav Toy organization which discourages Russian Jews arriving in Vienna from coming on to Israel.

According to Rabbi Binyamin Pery, a rabbi at the Laromne, among the hotel's facilities for religious guests like the Satmar *hassidim* are a Shabbat clock in every room and the latest electric equipment for heating food automatically on Shabbat.

But Rabbi Pery stressed that the Laromne would not just be for observant Jews. "We want everyone, Christians and Jews, non-religious as well as religious to feel comfortable here," he said.

Linn to help Haifa's Gurel in his campaign for mayor

By YAAQOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Amnon Linn, the La'am MK who switched from the Likud to the Alignment this week, said last night he will not run for mayor in the city elections next November. Instead, he will help Mayor Arye Gurel (Alignment) get re-elected, Linn told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Linn will continue serving on the town council at the head of the three-man independent "Haifaites for Haifa" list.

Linn, who had sought the Likud mayoral nomination and had received Premier Menachem Begin's endorsement, but not that of the local Likud branch, said that

"had I... got the nomination, I would, despite my doubts about the Likud, have resigned my Knesset seat and put all my efforts into the mayoralty race." He ran second to Gurel in the last election, beating the official Likud candidates.

Linn said he had not left the Likud because he had not received the nomination "but because I was a foreign body there. After the last election, Irgun Zvai Leumi veterans started digging up the past in order to smear the Labour movement."

Linn said that he and his wife were constantly receiving threats against their lives and property. A police source said that they are being guarded against possible assault.

Druse infants to be Israel residents

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

UPPER NAZARETH. — All hospitals in the north must accept any Druse women who wish to give birth there, but the infants will be registered as residents of Israel, even if the mothers refuse to hold ID cards, the Interior Ministry ordered yesterday.

It is still unclear, however, whether the National Insurance Institute still pays such mothers a birth grant.

Meanwhile, Eytan Liss, chairman of the Golan Regional Council, has criticized the government's policy in the Golan. The appointment of OC Northern Command Aluf Amir Drori as coordinator of government operations in the Golan is the first step in reimposing military rule on the area, Liss told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The government should remain steadfast in extending Israeli law to all residents of the Golan, he said, and not buckle under to Druse opposition to this policy. He also said new settlements should be established throughout the Golan, particularly its northern and central regions, as soon as possible.

Histadrut to aid Togo

The Histadrut will help Togo develop a network of marketing cooperatives and low-cost houses, the labour federation reported yesterday. It said the agreement was reached at a meeting between Histadrut secretary-general Yeroham Meshel and Raphael Barnaboe, the chairman of Togo's national bank and secretary-general of that country's labour federation.

Adding rooms now top Project Renewal goal

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Improved housing through the building of extra rooms and tenant relocation are this year's priority for Project Renewal now that most infrastructure improvements have been finished in the 69 areas where the project operates.

Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katsav, government coordinator for the comprehensive slum renewal project, reiterated that "practically unlimited" aid was available to help residents buy their public housing flats and enlarge them. He and other project heads spoke yesterday in Jerusalem to a gathering of neighbourhood managers from all over the country.

Housing Minister David Levy

opened the meeting with a blast at the Jewish Agency for administrative duplication and under-taking programmes without government coordination.

Katsav praised Jewish communities abroad for becoming involved with the neighbourhoods to which they have contributed, but said they should not ally themselves with local project leaders in deviating from national policies, such as in eligibility for housing aid, or hand-out charity to individual families.

The government coordinator for physical renewal, Avraham Elzon, said that improved housing and infrastructure had stemmed the population drain in many project areas, and that many young couples were seeking to move back. He said that

2,400 flats had been expanded, and that the budget for this has been doubled.

The ministry encourages renewal area residents to buy their public housing flats on the grounds that owners-occupied buildings will be better maintained, and to enable residents to qualify for aid to expand their flats up to 85 square metres. Rented public housing flats may be enlarged only in accordance with family size, which usually means a loan for less than 85 square metres.

Enlargement of flats to reduce overcrowding is proceeding slowly, he said, because residents are reluctant to take out loans and give up rents of only a few hundred shekels a month.

Rabin: PLO only immediate danger to peace

By SRAJA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin says that the PLO is the "only factor in the area which may jeopardize peace in the immediate future."

Speaking at the Rotary Club here yesterday, Rabin said he believed Egypt would not change in the foreseeable future, and Iraq and Syria were engaged on other fronts.

Rabin said he was nevertheless worried about Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's refusal to hold the

autonomy talks in Jerusalem. This is one sign, according to Rabin, that "Mubarak was not as intensely involved in the peace process as President Sadat was."

Whatever the future government of Israel, Rabin said, it would stick to the "package deal of the Camp David accords." Peace with Egypt was only the first phase on the Camp David process, he said, and autonomy for Palestinians should have been the second.

"Autonomy," Rabin said, should give the Palestinian Arabs, "for the first time in their history," a chance

to handle their own affairs by themselves... leaving, however, security and foreign relations of the area in the hands of Israel.

Why should this arrangement be called "autonomy?" Rabin asked rhetorically. He answered by recalling that he once asked Henry Kissinger, then U.S. secretary of state, why the Americans chose to call the thaw in their relations with the Kremlin "detente." It was, Kissinger explained, because relatively few people in America knew what it meant, so the negotiators could try and shape it the way they wanted.

New well produces good quality oil

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The deepest stratum of the Tzuk Tamur 1 well near Arad, hit two weeks ago at 1,860 metres, is still producing good quality oil at the rate of 30 barrels a day. The commercial viability of the find, however, will depend on what can be extracted from the five other oil-bearing strata in the well.

The Energy Minister issued this clarification yesterday following reports that tests had shown the entire well to be commercially unpromising. The Tzuk Tamur 1 drill is being carried out by the government-owned Oil Exploration Investments Company, Hanah.

Tests will begin today of a stratum at 1,825 metres, where traces of oil had been previously found. Tests of other promising strata to determine the commercial prospects of the entire well are expected to take about six weeks.

Hospitals: No smoking as of next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Starting next Wednesday, smoking will not be permitted in the country's hospitals. This was announced yesterday by Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan. He added, however, that some hospitals might set aside special "smoking rooms."

No Smoking signs provided by the Israel Cancer Society will be posted in the hospitals.

One hospital source called the ban "nonsense," as almost all hospitals already have numerous no-smoking signs. The problem, said the source, is in enforcing the ban, which might prove difficult because a great many hospital staff smoke and feel sympathetic to smoking patients.

CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's picture story showing Mayor Teddy Kollek congratulating three citizens who discovered a bomb and summoned the police, the prizes were from the *Applauds of Gold Terrorist Victims Fund*, and not as stated. Jay Rawlings, producer of the film *Applauds of Gold*, was seen in the background. The photo was by Y. Barzilay.

The Youth Centre in the Ganei Tzvi neighbourhood of Hod Hasharon, built with funds from the Jewish community of Sheffield, is named in honour of the late Lord Morris of Kenwood, and not as stated in yesterday's Social and Personal column.

Okamoto marks 10 years in prison

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kozo Okamoto, the Japanese terrorist serving a life sentence in Ramle Prison for the massacre of 27 people at Lod Airport (now Ben-Gurion) received a Japanese meal and books from his family this week, a Japanese Embassy official said in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The meal marked the 10th anniversary of the May 30, 1972 attack when Okamoto and two other members of the Japanese Red Army

sprayed automatic weapons fire and threw hand grenades in the airport reception hall.

"It seems to be all right and had no complaints," said embassy counsellor Y. Kaneko. He said embassy officials visit Okamoto annually, usually to bring him books and canned Japanese food sent by his lawyer and family.

The two other terrorists who took part in the airport massacre were killed in the attack.

New Zealand tourist makes rape complaint

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A 23-year-old tourist from New Zealand complained to Beersheba police yesterday that she had been raped. The woman said she and her husband

had been sleeping in the Gan Harishonim park when she was awakened by a man who threatened her with a pocket-knife and then raped her. Police are investigating.

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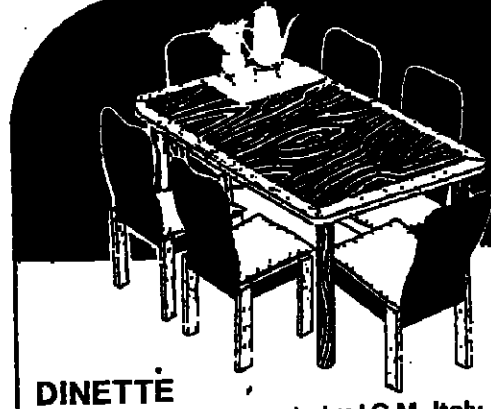
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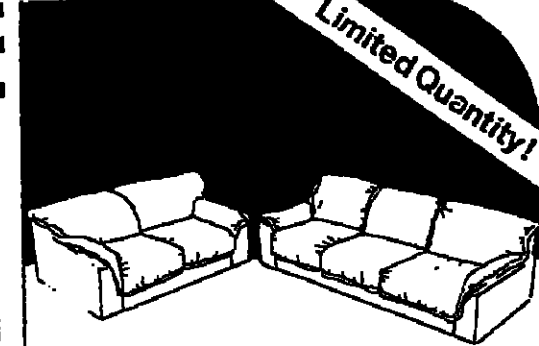
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Britain to stay put in EEC

LONDON (Reuters). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday that Britain intends to remain a full member of the European Economic Community despite the decision by its EEC partners to override its veto on farm price increases.

She told parliament it was unprecedented for a veto to be ignored and said her government would seek to reverse what she saw as a move towards rule by majority vote in the Common Market.

The move on farm prices was very serious "and could be even more serious if majority voting were applied to other aspects of community work," Thatcher said.

She went on: "We are full members of the EEC and we intend to remain full members of the EEC."

We intend to make our views known and to see if we can reverse that decision about the Luxembourg compromise." The compromise is an EEC convention used by Britain to veto the price increases on the grounds that the matter was of vital national interest.

Thatcher was responding to calls in Britain and abroad for changes in Britain's status in the EEC or for complete British withdrawal from the 10-nation community which it joined nine years ago.

The veto was overridden on Tuesday to push through farm price increases averaging 10.5 per cent — keenly sought by some EEC countries but less important to London. Britain had used its veto as a key weapon in a struggle for cuts in its EEC budget contributions.

But Thatcher has not hit back at the other EEC countries' and political analysts said she appeared reluctant to enter a new diplomatic battle in the midst of the Falklands crisis. She said the government was considering its next move.

French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson suggested yesterday that a change in Britain's status in the community might be the way out of the crisis.

In Britain, the large all-party group which opposes the country's membership in the community sees a threat to British sovereignty in the majority decision on farm prices. They and some pro-marketeters have called on the government to halt Britain's payments into the EEC coffers this year, expected to amount to some £3b.

Seoul gov't quits over money scandal

SEOUL (Reuters). — The South Korean government, beset by a multi-million-dollar scandal involving high officials, offered its resignation to President Chun Doo Hwan yesterday.

A government spokesman said Prime Minister Yoo Chang Soon and his cabinet were taking political and moral responsibility for incidents which were not specified but were thought to be connected with the scandal.

Chun accepted the resignation of the secretary-general of the ruling Democratic Justice Party and will consider the cabinet's position to-day, he added.

Several big companies have been forced to the verge of bankruptcy and 18 prominent people have been arrested during the scandal.

They include Gen. Lee Kyu Kwang, an uncle of Chun's wife, who was accused on Tuesday of accepting a \$138,000 bribe.

Lee was alleged to have received the cash from money-lenders who wanted him to use his influence with the government. He was president of the state-run Korea Mining Promotion Corporation.

Also arrested and accused of fraud and foreign currency violations were a former deputy head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency and his wife. They were alleged to have tried to induce Lee to help their business interests.

Poll returns show setback for Gandhi

NEW DELHI. — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi appeared headed for a potentially embarrassing political setback yesterday as returns from Wednesday's violence-marred polling showed her forces trailing in three of four state assembly elections.

Gandhi gained control of the southern state of Kerala yesterday, defeating the Marxists in their stronghold in the legislative assembly elections.

Gandhi also stood to gain a possible moral victory in West Bengal State, where it appeared her Congress Party might gain some ground, though still losing the election to the well-entrenched Communist Party

of India (Marxist). Her party was also trailing the opposition in Himachal Pradesh.

Fresh violence was reported as the counting began, including two more deaths and several injuries yesterday in clashes between rival political groups in the eastern port city of Calcutta, the United News of India said. A teenage boy was killed there earlier, when home-made bombs were hurled into the streets on election day.

Also, the former speaker of the dissolved Haryana State Assembly fired into a crowd surrounding his home in a town just south of New Delhi, wound about 20 people, UNI said. Some 2,000 people had ringed

the home of Rao Ram Singh to prevent him from leaving to oversee vote counting in his area.

The shooting raised the election casualty list to at least 70 in addition to the three deaths in Calcutta.

Also, three opposition candidates reported kidnapped six days ago by an underground group of pro-Chinese extremists in West Bengal turned up unharmed. They told police they had been well treated by their captors, known as Naxalites.

Final results in Wednesday's polling, which also was to fill scattered vacancies in the national parliament and other state assemblies, were not expected for several days. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Turkey rejects Greek protest over Cyprus

ANKARA (AP). — The Turkish government yesterday rejected a Greek protest over Premier Bulend Ulusu's visit to the northern Turkish area of Cyprus, the foreign ministry said.

The Greek complaint said that the only legal government in Cyprus is that of the Greek Cypriots, which "alone has the right to invite premiers of a foreign country."

Former Kenyan official booted out of only party

NAIROBI (UPI). — President Daniel arap Moi yesterday expelled former vice-president Oginga Odinga from the ruling African National Union for anti-government statements, the official Kenyan News Agency said. The Kenya African National Union (KANU) is the only political party in the country.

Odinga, a member of the minority Luo tribe, has long advocated that

Kenya adopt socialism, but the country has remained firmly in the capitalist camp and is one of Africa's staunchest allies in black Africa.

FOOD AID. — The UN World Food Programme yesterday announced \$413,100 emergency food aid for Ugandans affected by drought in Karamoja and by civil strife in the West Nile province.



Relaxing after a morning of talks on aid programmes, King Hassan II of Morocco and his host, President Ronald Reagan, take a leisurely ride along a trail in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. (UPI, telephoto)

Loren, beginning jail term, serenaded by her well-wishers

CASERTA, Italy (UPI). — Movie star Sophia Loren, serenaded by strolling musicians and receiving flowers and telegrams from admirers around the world, yesterday spent the first day of a month-long sentence in jail here on tax evasion charges.

Though Loren's first day in jail was unlike that of any of the other 23 inmates in the 19th-century facility, prison officials steadfastly maintained that she was getting no special treatment and would be assigned a job in the jail's laundry, library or kitchen.

About 100 residents of this town, some of them with guitars, showed up in front of the minimum-security women's prison in the early

morning hours, singing the Neapolitan folk songs Loren knew as a child.

Sophia responded to the welcome by waving from a jailhouse window, blowing kisses, and finally, overcome by emotion, breaking into tears.

Loren was taken to jail Wednesday after flying in from her home in Geneva and giving herself up to police.

The 30-day prison sentence stems from her conviction on charges of failing to declare about \$180,000 in taxable income on her earnings in 1963 and 1964. Loren claims the failure was the mistake of her tax consultant at the time, now dead.

Troops in Ireland favour plastic slugs

BELFAST (AP). — British security forces in Northern Ireland will continue to use plastic bullets against rioters despite a ban on the rounds by the European Parliament, Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior said on Wednesday. However, "if an alternative method of controlling riots was shown to be as effective as the existing plastic bullets, it will be introduced," he said.

Prior's comments were contained in a letter to Neville Sandelson, of the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party, who

had alleged the plastic bullets are lethal.

At least eight people, several of them children, have been killed by the rock-hard plastic bullets, known as "baton rounds," since they were first used in the strife-torn province in 1973.

They replaced anti-riot "rubber bullets" that killed another six people between 1969 and 1973. A police spokesman said more than 68,000 of both types of missiles have been fired since 1969, when sectarian feuding erupted.

Mediterranean culture ministers meet today

ATHENS (UPI). — The Greek island of Hydra will host a three-day international conference entitled "The Mediterranean Forever and Today" opening today, Greek officials said yesterday.

The conference will be attended

by Mediterranean nations' culture ministers.

Greek minister of culture Melina Mercouri said the conference will "strengthen cultural unity within the Mediterranean region."

Moroccan FM to visit Cairo

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

Moroccan Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta has confirmed that he will be visiting Egypt "in the next few days," the official Moroccan News Agency reported yesterday.

However, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said yesterday his country had not been officially informed about the reported visit.

In agency reports from Washington — where Boucetta is currently accompanying King Hassan on an official visit to the U.S. — the foreign minister is quoted as saying that this would be in an "African framework" rather than in an Arab context.

Nevertheless, the visit, if it does take place, will mark a significant development in Egypt's post-Sinai withdrawal rapprochement with the Arab world, with Boucetta the first prominent official of one of the 17

Arab states which severed ties with Cairo following the 1979 peace treaty with Israel, to visit Egypt.

Morocco, along with Jordan, was the first of those Arab states openly to congratulate Egypt on its recovery of Sinai and to urge its rapid return to the Arab fold.

Answering questions from reporters in French through an interpreter at a breakfast sponsored by Foreign Policy magazine, Boucetta said there were "very intense discussions" on the Middle East during Hassan's meeting with President Ronald Reagan at the White House yesterday.

He said Morocco was also seeking U.S. arms, which it needs to fight the war it is conducting in the Spanish Sahara against the Algerian-based Polisario movement.

Talks have also included the U.S. request for landing rights in Morocco for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.

Syrians conduct attack exercises

DAMASCUS. — Armoured forces, backed by jets and helicopter gunships, staged exercises to practice frontal attacks on enemy defence lines, Syria's official news agency Sana reported yesterday.

The "tactical exercise," Sana said, was carried out successfully at an undisclosed area, under orders from President Hafez Assad and under the direct supervision of Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas. The agency did not say when the military exercises were conducted, except that they took place during both daytime and nighttime.

Tlas congratulated participants on their performance and urged

them to keep up their combat readiness level "in preparation for launching the decisive battle against the Zionist enemy who usurped our lands and rights," according to Sana.

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam conferred here yesterday with Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department.

Assad also discussed Middle East developments yesterday, with Nefel Hawatneh, leader of the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a government spokesman said. (AP, UPI)

Fighting subsides around Khorramshahr

BEIRUT. — Military communiques from Iran and Iraq reported skirmishes between their armies around the besieged port city of Khorramshahr yesterday, a day after the two Persian Gulf warring nations spoke of lightning assaults and counter-assaults.

A communique from the high command in Baghdad at sundown yesterday repeated Wednesday's claim of 685 Iranians killed and 18

tanks destroyed in an attack the Iraqis staged north of Khorramshahr.

A communique from Iran's joint chiefs of staff in Teheran reiterated the Iraqi onslaught was beaten back and upped Iraqi losses in Wednesday's combat to 300 killed or wounded. Previous Iranian communiques had said 100 Iraqi soldiers were killed.

Moscow envoy in Peking to improve ties

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union yesterday renewed its offer to China to improve relations, saying continuing hostility between Moscow and Peking benefited only the West.

An "authoritative" article in the Communist Party daily "Pravda" accused Peking of setting out precon-

ditions bordering on ultimatums for improving ties, which have been at a low level for some two decades.

East European diplomats in Peking revealed yesterday that a leading Soviet Sinologist, Mikhail Kapitsa, head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's First Far East Department, was holding talks there aimed at improving relations.

Scant progress in India-China parley

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — India and China ended four days of talks yesterday with differences over their 20-year-old boundary dispute still very wide, an Indian government spokesman said.

But he said there had been a narrowing of differences on how the dispute should be resolved, and

both sides, who held a first round of talks in Peking last December, have agreed to meet again at a place and date to be decided.

India says that China occupies 37,500 sq. km. of its territory in the rugged northwestern Ladakh region. While the Chinese claim nearly 134,000 sq. km. of territory.

U.S. Republican Jews choose Spiegel as chairman

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Albert Spiegel of Los Angeles has been elected chairman of the Republican Jewish leadership.

At a three-hour meeting in the Madison Hotel here on Wednesday, Max Fisher of Detroit was named honorary chairman.

For more than two decades, Fisher has been the key Republican Jew in the country, having maintained close personal relations with former presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Some 30 members of the Jewish coalition for the election of Ronald

Reagan and George Bush attended the meeting — their first together since last November 19 when they met at the White House with President Reagan and other senior U.S. officials.

Under Spiegel's leadership, the group now hopes to improve Jewish access to the White House. Spiegel is not expected to accept a formal position on the White House staff, but rather to work from the outside.

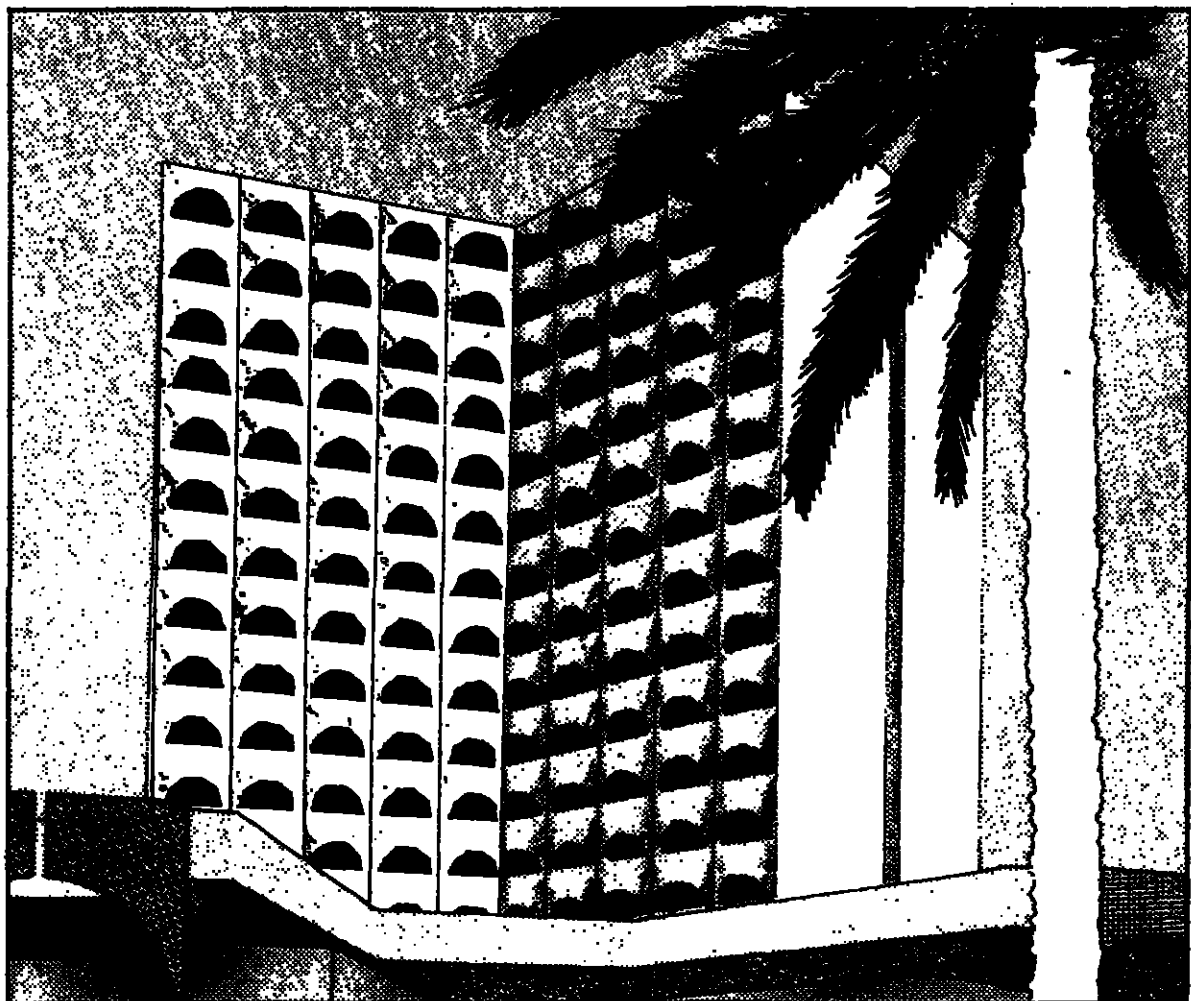
Michael Gale, a legislative lobbyist

at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and a longtime Republican Jewish activist, was named last week by the White House to maintain liaison with the Jewish community. He will take over his new responsibility on June 1.

Spiegel's election was unopposed. During the final weeks of the 1980 presidential campaign, Spiegel found himself in a bitter dispute with Fisher and the late Ted Cum-

ings, another California Jewish activist later named U.S. ambassador to Austria. Cummings died two months ago.

But over the past 16 months, it has become increasingly more apparent that Reagan and other White House aides had more personal confidence in Spiegel than in other Republican Jews. Spiegel has a record as a supporter of Reagan going back to Reagan's days as governor of California.



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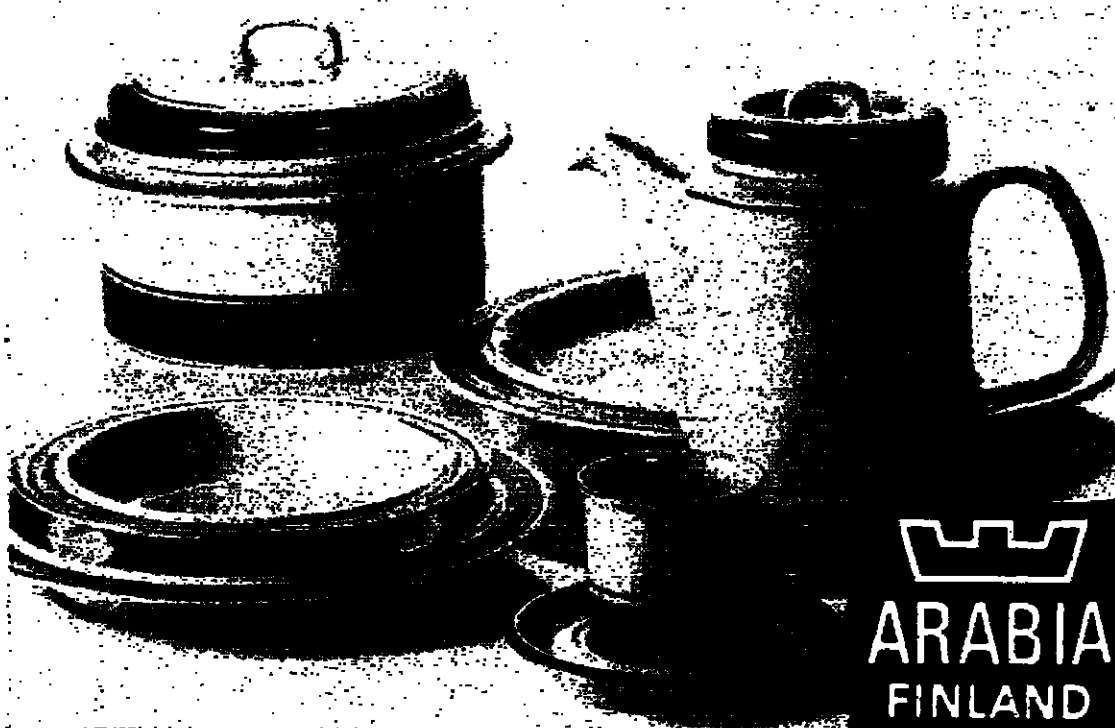
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Matthew Nesvicky talks to David Frost, television superstar and a governor of the Weizmann Institute

THE GNOMES who compile the *Guinness Book of World Records* recently informed David Frost of a dubious distinction: he has flown across the Atlantic an even 1,000 times.

Sitting in the penthouse of the Tel Aviv Hilton, Frost neatly shears off the tip of his Cuban cigar with his television teeth and smiles dreamily. "Yes, I reckon I've logged at least four million miles. But of course that was some weeks ago, when the *Guinness* people gave me that accounting. Since then — well, let's see. Last Monday, for example, I flew from London to New York. Planned to stay a few days but actually had to return the following night. Then to Geneva. Then back to London. Then Washington. London again. Then Tel Aviv."

I gnaw through the end of my Cuban cigar with my Jewish teeth and tell Frost that with a schedule like that I would have flung myself out of the emergency exit long ago. "Oh, but I love air travel," he bubbles. "My body has no difficulty whatsoever adapting to the time changes. And there are no phones on planes — well, usually not. So I can get a fair amount of work done on board. I go through all my memos and that sort of thing. I fill air-sickness bags with scraps of paper. I'm always asking stewardesses for extra air-sickness bags."

The world's foremost television interviewer — he's done Nixon and Kissinger and Begin and Arafat and the early Idi Amin and the late Shah of Iran and everyone in between — oddly enough had jetted into Israel the other day not to interview anyone at all. Rather, he was here to attend a meeting of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

MOST ISRAELIS would likely be surprised to learn that David Frost is a governor of the Weizmann Institute. Even without recalling his grilling of Prime Minister Begin in 1980, most Israelis would believe Frost is automatically anti-Israel simply because he is a constituent of the foreign media. Such, however, appears not to be the case at all.

"Marcus Sieff is an old friend," Frost ruminates through his cigar smoke, "and some years back he asked me to speak in England on behalf of the institute. My interest and involvement increased, and then Marcus suggested it was only proper that I see the place for myself. So we came over about two years ago, and of course I was extremely impressed with that remarkable science centre. When I was invited to become a governor, I happily agreed. So I continue to do what I can. For example, I just taped an interview with Artur Rubinstein, which we'll be showing at a dinner for Friends of the Institute at the Waldorf in New York this October."

Frost admits that he does a considerable amount of fund-raising for various causes — aiding paroled convicts is a favourite — but he has no other long-term commitment to any institution such as he has with the Rehovot institute.

'Of course, public relations is not the end-all. Israel is not a product to be sold'



(Camera Press)

"I mean, it's such a fantastic place," he waxes. "And the institute is like the whole story of Israel, isn't it? When you realize that thirty-odd years ago it was just sand dunes and orange groves. If people only knew..."

Removing from my lip a shred of tobacco the size of a shoelace, I maneuver from this point to the much-chewed question about Israel's "image" in the world. Has the Jewish state in fact failed on the public-relations front?

As with all questions, Frost considers his answer very thoughtfully before replying. "Yes," he says slowly, "Israel does miss some opportunities. In the battle for people's allegiance around the world, Israel could do better. But of course, public relations is not the end-all. Israel is not a product to be sold."

"What Israel should do, I think, is take every opportunity to explain the many good things that happen here. And not to avoid ventilating the bad things that occur."

Is the public-relations approach really all that meaningful? After all, mustn't a good reputation be earned?

"That, I think, is a separate matter altogether," he says. "Being meritorious, being right, is one thing. How people perceive you or your cause or your motives, that is quite something else."

I ask another much-debated question, only because as a highly prominent and often controversial journalist, Frost should be an expert on the topic: Does Israel get a fair press?

Frost ponders for a long count behind his television pallor — so long that when he finally does answer, I initially think his reply is a disappointment. "I believe that Israel gets a good press among its friends," he says, "and a bad press among its enemies."

It takes me a moment to realize that this answer is neither evasive nor foolish. It means that the situation is reasonable — and could be a lot worse. "In any event," Frost continues, "I think the press in America and in Britain is fair to Israel. I think from the UN and from most of the Third World countries, Israel will hear pretty much what it expects — and we know what that's worth."

WE TURN now specifically to television, a subject on which Frost is surely an expert. Ever since he came down from Cambridge 20 years ago, at age 22, Frost in many ways has epitomized, for good or ill, modern electronic journalism. Having first made his name as an iconoclastic satirist on *That Was The Week That Was*, David Frost is still often perceived as a tendentious

reporter who has yet to put aside the sharp tongue of the entertainer attacking authority. He has also evolved into an interviewer of celebrities who is a celebrity himself. He is both newsmen and newsmaker. By chequebooking Richard Nixon into a series of exclusive in-depth TV interviews, for example, Frost created a media event.

Yet while he may manufacture a happening, that does not mean he endorses the views of his subject. Unlike a reporter, the newsmaker feels no obligation to strive for objectivity.

Frost acknowledges that the television camera is no mere objective lens. "I think there's no denying that the presence of the TV camera encourages," he says, "demonstrators to be more demonstrative. But I don't think that's the same thing as saying that the camera creates the news. The events, the passions are there. Television heightens not so much the events as our awareness of them."

I quote American newscaster Walter Cronkite who once expressed doubt that the Civil Rights Bill of 1964 would have ever been passed by the Congress had the TV networks not decided that all those protest marches were newsworthy night after night.

"Exactly. And it works both ways. I mean, consider that image

of Sheriff Bull Connor unleashing those dogs on those civil-rights marchers. The cameras didn't create that excessive behaviour — they simply recorded it. And its impact was immense."

"By the same token," Frost continues, "the absence of television cameras is also a statement. You're not being objective by not showing the news. You're making a judgment if you choose not to cover an event, a judgment of considerable significance."

Pace Yamit and the West Bank riots. I point out that Israelis were amused to see Margaret Thatcher charging the BBC with a lack of patriotism in its coverage of the Falklands crisis. We've had television in this country for 13 years, I note, and ever since its inception political leaders have gnashed their teeth about "bias" on *Mabat*. Isn't that the camera creates the news. The events, the passions are there. Television heightens not so much the events as our awareness of them.

"ABSOLUTELY," Frost says with conviction. "I don't think you will find anyone at the BBC who would disagree with that. In fact, I doubt anyone at the BBC would deny that the introduction of a competing independent TV network in England upgraded the whole industry. The BBC was immensely improved after the second channel came in back in

1955. It was eventually improved out of all recognition. Competition sharpens the original monopoly — and then everyone benefits."

"And after all, any monopoly is potentially tyrannical. Diversity is immensely desirable. In television, it's the only way that you can ever have any innovation. Competition gives the maverick a chance to present something new. Without competing channels, television would remain dead dull, if not downright dangerous."

Frost says he believes that England has achieved an "excellent balance" between independent commercial television and the government-sponsored BBC. He rues the fact that the Public Broadcasting System in the U.S. is such a poor cousin to the Big Three commercial networks there. I suggest that PBS got off to a bad start by being labelled Educational TV. "Yes," he snaps. "A very poor packaging term."

The visitor admits to being unfamiliar with Israeli television, and is amused to learn that Israelis regularly tune in enemy countries. "It sounds," he says, "like Israel desperately needs at least one competing, independent channel, maybe more."

Frost also stresses the importance of keeping the governing board of any TV set-up politically unshackled. "The directors of the BBC, for example, are never chosen with political considerations. They are selected from the 'Great and the Good' — church leaders, academics, and so on. The current BBC chairman, as it so happens, had once been a politician, but that is a rarity. And in fact Lord Thomson was a Labourite, yet he was appointed under the Thatcher government. There would be a great outcry if anyone in England even suspected that politics had played a role in the selection of who runs the electronic media."

FROST HIMSELF is engaged in what he calls an exciting new venture in television. He is a founding director — along with former British ambassador to Washington Peter Jay and others — of TV-AM, a national morning television network to be launched in about a year.

"It's stimulating for one thing because there's the challenge of changing the habits of an entire nation. There is no such thing as morning television in Britain right now. The earliest you'll see any entertainment programming is at midday. Our programme of news, current events and interviews will run from about 6.15 to 9.15. From 9 to 9.15 will be our featured programme, *Good Morning Britain*."

"Yes, the *Today* show and *Good Morning America* have proved very successful in the U.S. Japan and Australia also have very popular morning television. But not everything that works abroad, of course, will work in England. That's the challenge. I'm reminded of the story about the fellow who's asked why he's decided to emigrate from England. 'Because they've legalized

homosexuality,' he says. 'And I'm getting out before they make it compulsory.' Some people have already raised eyebrows about having to watch TV at breakfast. Well, of course, they won't have to. But we're hoping they'll want to."

Frost says he's also optimistic about the venture because "it's the first time anywhere that a network has been established by people who actually work in the medium — people like Angela Ripon and Michael Parkinson — and not by financiers." He adds that the project will open up new markets and provide new journalistic freedoms — "although I've never really been oppressed as a journalist," he notes.

DESPITE HIS deep commitment to television, Frost in no way disparages the printed word. He has written nine books, and has several more in the works. His latest, just published this week in London by Andre Deutsch, is *I Could Have Kicked Myself*, a collection of humorous anecdotes about the world's worst decisions (ranging from Eve's acceptance of the apple on through to the Nobel Committee's passing over Leo Tolstoy no fewer than 10 times in favour of such forgotten writers as Giosue Carducci and Rudolf Eucken).

"After we did the Nixon interviews, for example, I felt the need to put down on paper the story behind the story — to take people behind the scenes. So I published *I Gave Them A Sword*, which allowed me the opportunity to comment on that extraordinary experience of dealing with that most enigmatic of American politicians. The book gives us the chance for reflection, and for more permanence, than the medium of TV allows."

"For this reason, I'm planning a book — probably to be called *Encounters* or something like that — about some of the other extraordinary people I've been privileged to interview. I think it'll be interesting — and you know, I'll be able to assess people like Rhodesia's Ian Smith, whom I interviewed several times over the years. But actually, I've got one or two book projects on the boards before I get to that."

I ask what his worst experience with interviewing has been.

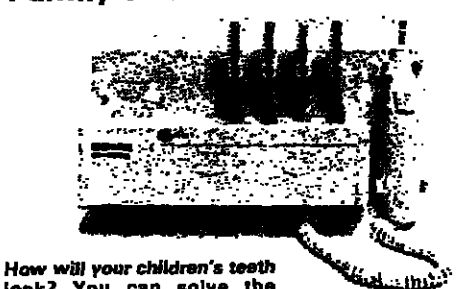
"Well," he says, "I don't think any interview has ever been a dead loss. But let's see... Yes, once I was in Sweden to promote a programme called *Frost on Sundays*. And it seems no sooner had I arrived than I was being told that I had 15 minutes to get to the studio for my live interview with the Swedish prime minister. No one had told me about any live interview with the Swedish prime minister. No matter that I didn't know a thing about Swedish politics — off I was to a live interview. Thank God, it didn't turn out a total disaster."

Which reminds Frost to check his watch. He's got to be at the Weizmann Institute in 30 minutes. Anyway, our cigars are quite finished, and David Frost must soon be on his way toward logging his next four million miles.

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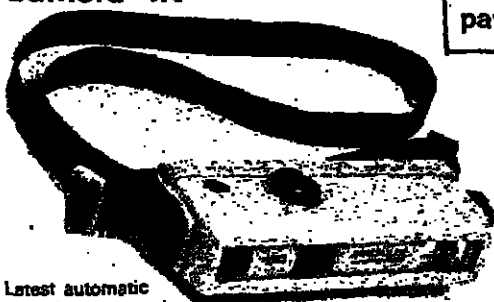
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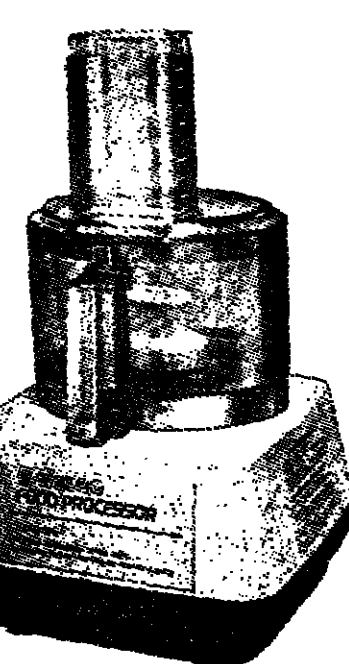
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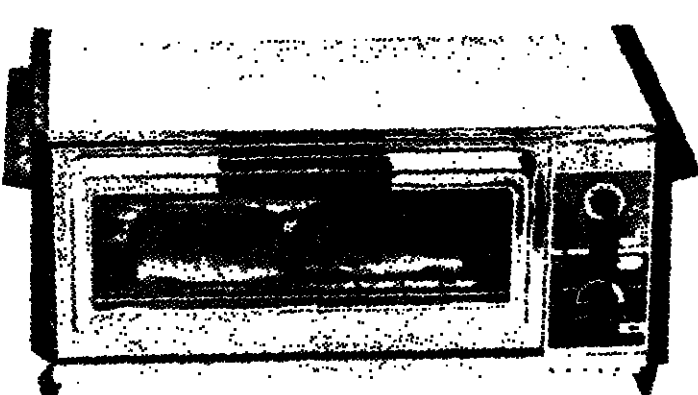
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WHEN HENRY KISSINGER was secretary of state, he used to make a point of meeting regularly with his former academic colleagues in order to exchange ideas on the burning foreign policy questions of the day. It was not only a stimulating intellectual exercise for the former Harvard University professor.

Kissinger fully appreciated the importance of staying on good terms with the respected ivory tower elite. In the U.S., they often can have clout.

Alexander Haig, who served as Kissinger's top deputy on the National Security Council during the first term of the Nixon Administration, has tried to emulate his former boss in many areas since becoming secretary of state some 16 months ago. On many occasions, of course, Haig is not all that successful. Still, like Kissinger, Haig has sought to cultivate key academic public opinion moulders.

THE SECRETARY may not have Kissinger's academic credentials — he's a former military man — but he learned his lessons well under the master public opinion manipulator.

That helps to explain why Haig agreed to a private, off-the-record meeting at Georgetown University on May 10 with some 20 of America's leading academic authorities on the Middle East. Those invited were asked not to breathe a word of the session to outsiders, especially not to the press. Indeed, no one was even to mention that the nearly three-hour session — all of which was devoted exclusively to the Middle East — had taken place.

But it's extremely difficult — if not impossible — to keep such a secret in Washington when so many people are involved. Cocktail gossip of the unusual meeting spread, although no actual news reports about it have been published — until now.

There was a wide spectrum of opinion represented in the room, ranging from the ultra-Arabists to others clearly sympathetic to the Israeli cause. Whatever their personal views, most of the scholars there were recognized heavyweights in their field.

Among those attending were Bernard Lewis of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton; Nadav Safran of Harvard; Steve Spiegel of UCLA; William Quandt of the Brookings Institution; Peter Krogh, Dean of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service; and J.B. Kelly, the British authority on the Persian Gulf.

Others with a considerably more pro-Arab slant included Michael Hudson, director of Georgetown's Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies; Dean Brown, president of the Middle East Institute; and Malcolm Kerr of UCLA, who is about to become president of the American University of Beirut.

According to sources present during the meeting, Haig did most of the listening as each of the academicians offered rather predictable (and lengthy) recommendations on the proper course of U.S. policy in the region. "It was mostly a lobbying effort," one source said.

Later, several professors praised Haig for demonstrating a solid grasp of the sensitive issues involved — even if they disagreed with his con-

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clusions. The secretary, probably sensing that whatever he might say eventually would be leaked to the news media, was described as deliberately cautious. He was accompanied by Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Morris Draper.

BUT HAIG reportedly was open enough with the group to indicate rather clearly that he was much more concerned about Israeli policy toward Lebanon than he was about events on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

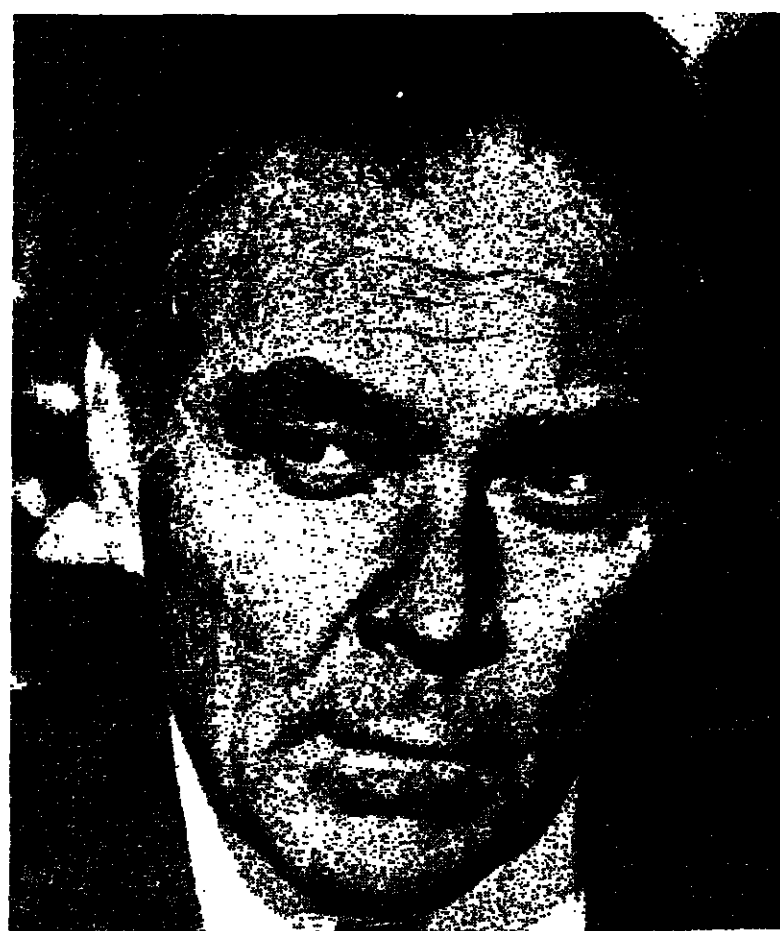
Indeed, according to several sources present, the secretary implied very strongly that he was prepared to give Israel a relatively free hand in trying to promote its Sharon-Milson civilian administration in the territories — within reason — provided that Israel did not undertake any major military move against PLO and Syrian forces in Lebanon.

Since then, other U.S. officials privy to Haig's views, have explained that a real rupture of the 10-month cease-fire along the Israeli-Lebanese frontier had the potential

of leading to an all-out war in the region — one that could drag in Syria and other Arab countries. The dangers flowing from controversial Israeli actions on the West Bank and Gaza, were, of course, very serious, they said, but clearly more limited than an all-out confrontation in Lebanon.

WITH THE POSSIBLE exception of President Ronald Reagan, Haig is still widely regarded as Israel's best friend in the administration. Sources present at the Georgetown meeting confirmed this assessment. "He seems to be a genuine friend of Israel," one of them said. The Arabists were visibly disappointed by what they had heard.

GOING BEYOND the narrow matter of Israel, Haig's overall stature has increased in recent weeks, mostly at the expense of Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Somewhat surprisingly, the secretary of state even appears to have emerged from his ill-fated Falkland Island mediatory shuttle in good shape, perhaps even stronger than before. Many people here



Alexander Haig...worried most about Lebanon.

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simply feel he made a valiant, well-intentioned effort — for which he deserves credit.

Haig has gone out on a limb in trying to improve U.S.-Israeli relations these past few weeks. According to his aides, he wants the U.S.-imposed suspension on the Strategic Cooperation Memorandum

of Understanding with Israel lifted.

The specific details, U.S. officials said, will probably be worked out during Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's talks at the Pentagon and the State Department, scheduled for May 25. At this stage, the tentative plan is for the

suspension — originally imposed as "punishment" against Israel for extending its law to the Golan Heights last December — to be lifted formally during Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington during the second half of June. "We'll have to give Begin something," one U.S. official said.

BUT THERE may be a price. The Americans are hoping that Israel, in exchange, will agree to resume the stalled autonomy negotiations in Washington, at least for the time being. U.S. officials are anxiously trying to find some sort of face-saving formula to fudge the sticky matter of Jerusalem as a site for such talks. Exactly how that might be done is still unknown.

Haig is not alone right now in wanting to ease the strain between Washington and Jerusalem. Reagan and other high White House officials are very well aware of their deteriorated standing among Israel's friends in the U.S., especially in the Jewish community. With crucial congressional elections coming up in November, staying on good terms with Israel becomes an increasingly more important item on the U.S. foreign policy agenda.

So right now, Haig's personal views seem to dovetail very nicely with the political wishes of the White House. That's a negative factor for Weinberger and others with a less friendly attitude toward Israel.

But all bets will be off if Israel moves into Lebanon, and what happens after November could be yet another story.

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FOR AT LEAST two weeks now rumours have abounded that all was not well with the West Bank civilian administration and its chief vizier, Menachem Milson.

Twenty-five veteran staff officers in the civilian administration wrote him a letter (which was leaked to the press), a copy of which was sent to the Defence Ministry, complaining that he was ignoring their professional experience.

Earlier this week, following a report that Milson was to be dismissed, official sources in the Defence Ministry "denied any knowledge of such an intention," but they would not deny it outright.

"I can't argue with a denial from the ministry," said one senior Defence Ministry official this week, "but in my opinion it's only a matter of time."

In the seven months that Milson has been in office, his name has become inseparably linked with what has been happening on the West Bank.

Milson has argued, as have many of those close to him, that it is too early to pass judgment on his efforts to take on and undermine the PLO's political stranglehold of the Palestinian population in the West Bank. Theoretically, that might be fair and true. But it does seem as though events have overtaken him and the policies with which he has, willy nilly, become associated.

IT IS ALWAYS unfair to ex-

amine events through the prism of one man's personality — particularly if he is not a politician but a civil servant with circumscribed powers. But it is unfortunately true — particularly in this part of the world — that perceptions are at least as important as the objective reality.

"The number one problem is his personality," said one staff officer this week. That statement could and should be dismissed if it represented the view of only one man. But Milson has managed to irritate employees in the civil administration, senior staff officers with whom he must work in the area, officers and officials in the Defence Ministry and army headquarters in Tel Aviv — let alone the Arabs in the area and the local and foreign press which has, by and large, been hostile.

According to many officials, Milson has failed to satisfy the expectations he and his promoters (who are now silent) initially generated.

In particular, he has not proved an able administrator they say, an essential requirement in a bureaucratic organization which is used to being led by capable and experienced army officers with years of staff experience and often with the charisma and peppery personality that comes with rank and battlefield command.

This opinion of Milson is shared by some academic associates who, while expressing personal

When the mud sticks

By DAVID RICHARDSON

admiration and sympathy, add that Milson was not a good administrator when he headed the Institute for Asian and African Studies at the Hebrew University.

By comparison, the military officials point to the performance in Gaza of Tat-Aluf Yosef Lunz, a former governor of Nablus and Ramallah, who is both military commander and civilian administrator.

"Despite the claustrophobia of the refugee camps and the traumatic advance of the Egyptians so close to the Strip, there has been comparatively little trouble," they say.

Even if one can argue with this, it is clear that none of the flak associated with the shootings and unrest in the Strip has hit "Lunzi".

MILSON ALSO HOPED, the military officials feel, to somehow supersede the coordinator of activities in the territories and, at the

time of his appointment, there were grounds to believe he would succeed. The assumption was supported by statements from Defence Minister Ariel Sharon about "direct involvement in running the West Bank" and "having his own man on the spot," as well as growls of dissatisfaction from the coordinator's office before the resignation/retirement of Aluf Dani Matt from the post.

The selection of Rehavya Vardi to replace Matt has, if anything, reinforced the position of the coordinator. Vardi, a veteran intelligence officer and successful businessman is, by all accounts, a very able administrator who has quickly mastered the intricacies of the West Bank and Gaza. He still controls a substantial part of the budget allocated for the area, and has shied away from any publicity.

Insiders also point out that Milson's physical distance from the Tel Aviv Kirya and Vardi's proximity to the minister's bureau (one floor below his office) have increased Sharon's reliance on him.

In addition, since West Bank policy is not the sole responsibility of the defence minister, the prime minister's adviser on terror, Rafael Eitan — also a veteran security service officer, is said to have some influence on what is done in an area that Milson must regard as "his patch."

Milson, of course, has access to the minister, but what with Sharon's recent pre-occupations with Yamit, the Sinai withdrawal, Taba and various political and military crises,



Menachem Milson...overtaken by events.

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communication has been by telephone.

This was almost patronizingly underlined in a Defence Ministry announcement at the beginning of the week which stated that Sharon would be seeing Milson "within the next few days to discuss various questions related to the civilian administration, like extending crossing hours at the Jordan bridges."

IF INSIDERS feel as they do, it is small wonder the local Arab population does not understand, let alone accept, the distinction between a civil administrator and a military governor.

And this leads to the policy itself: "The separation of the two functions has proved a failure," one observer said this week. "In a situation where one has terrorist activity so closely bound up with political

to its traditional constituency in the area.

WHAT NOW of the man and of the policy? Insiders and those who have known Milson for some time do not expect him to stay on beyond the year he has taken off from the university. That would provide both Milson and Sharon with a convenient date for a separation. Sharon does not like working with losers, his primary concern being what is good for Sharon — and a broken wing does not help a hawk in flight.

What remains unclear, however, is whether Sharon will use Milson's departure to revise or reverse the policy — Milson serving as the "fall guy" for a minister's mistakes — or whether Sharon and the government will continue to press for local acceptance of autonomy.

SEVERAL West Bank and military sources agreed this week that the coming summer months will be quiet. Not only the impending school holidays and the pre-occupation with agricultural work in the fields, but the apparent failure of Egypt and Israel to even agree on where to reconvene the autonomy talks have already reduced tension.

Several also point out that there is grass-roots pressure — particularly from commercial interests — to restore calm. A leading Israeli tour bus operator has cancelled tours to Nablus and Hebron. In Hebron, souvenir shops run by both local residents and Jewish settlers from Kiryat Arba are almost empty and the owners of the glass factories on the main road outside the town are bitter.

The PLO, entangled in the cease-fire is primarily concerned with surviving in Lebanon. What looks like the bursting of the Iraqi military bubble — and the implications of that for Jordan and Syria — and Egypt's apparent determination to maintain relations with Israel requires some reassessment by West Bankers.

Part of the reassessment must take into account the possible departure of Menachem Milson and a possible change in policy. And that could mean a unilateral application of autonomy along the lines suggested by the man Milson blames most for the current impasse in the West Bank — Moshe Dayan.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

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TABA or not Taba — that is the question now taxing the negotiating skills of Israeli and Egyptian diplomats. The problem of what to do with a 700-metre stretch of Sinai beach claimed by both sides has created an unrivalled attraction for curiosity seekers.

Before the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai, travellers on their way to the beaches of Dahab and Nuweiba or the majestic mountains of the interior just whizzed by Taba on their way south. But there were also those who stopped at Taba, at the holiday village run by their favourite beach bum, Rafi Nelson.

Now sitting in the middle of what our local guide calls a "geographical joke," Rafi has become an international celebrity. It certainly hasn't hurt his business — he charges IS30 for admission to his village and a soft drink — but it's been hard on his nerves.

At the Israeli checkpoint at the northern entrance to the disputed zone 10 km. south of Eilat, intimations of the strange combination of comic opera and international intrigue appear. We are flagged down not by soldiers of the IDF, who are nowhere to be seen, but by young women in white blouses and brown slacks. They work for the security service employed by the Airports Authority, which administers the checkpoint, and are the same polite girls who examine your luggage when you check in at Ben-Gurion Airport.

IF YOUR destination is the "Nelson village," as the hand-painted signs in the area indicate, then all you need to flash your ID card to be admitted. For those who want to get to the Egyptian side of Sinai, a check by customs and immigration is necessary, just like at any other border post.

A few metres past the two delapidated trailers which house customs and immigration officials, and we are greeted by an American soldier of the Multinational Force and Observers, who waves us on with a wave of his cigar. Two MFO soldiers wearing freshly-pressed

The Jerusalem Post's Charles Hoffman visits the disputed area of Taba on the Egyptian border.

CURIOSITY CORNER

desert camouflage uniforms sit outside the sentry box guarding the entrance to Taba.

The first glimpse of the famed 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army should have been impressive, but the Israelis among us can't help noting the similarity between their uniforms and Purim costumes.

Looming suddenly before us is the 12-storey Sonesta Eilat, a five-star hotel several months from completion. Someone ventures that since the hotel belongs to an international chain, they could not have been aware of where the old border was when they selected the site. But it turns out that the man behind the project knew exactly what he was doing, since he is Eli Paposhado ("Papoo"), a 25-year veteran of Eilat and a former head of the local hoteliers' association.

The scenery shifts quickly in Taba, and only 400 metres from the Israeli checkpoint we reach a makeshift stone barrier across the road, with another young employee of the security agency waving us off the road in the direction of Rafi's place. We explain that we just want to take a look at the Egyptian crossing point, and she lets us through.

The bus is now in the middle of the broad plain formed by Wadi Taba as it sweeps down from the hills to the northwest and spills into the sea. The beach lies 200 metres away, dotted with palm trees and the facilities built by the government. If it is split down the middle, with the northern part in the disputed zone and the rest of it in Egyptian hands.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL joke was unintended, it appears. When the British drew a line in 1906 separating Sinai from Ottoman-controlled Palestine, they used a pencil on a map scaled 1:250,000. The width of the pencil smudge on the map comes out to about the width of the disputed zone on the ground, our guide says. Israel claims that the true international boundary lies at the southern end of the smudge.

A barbed-wire fence running from the beach and continuing on the other side of the road and up into the wadi marks the boundary between the MFO zone and Egypt. In a flash we have travelled another 200 metres and reached the end of the line — the Egyptian checkpoint. Hundreds of Egyptian soldiers in the tents at the checkpoint and at another cluster of tents down near the beach mill around or sit staring into space. Our arrival does not create any particular interest.

The Israeli immigration official with us says it has been a good day — three busloads of tourists have passed through. They drive up in Israeli buses, transfer to Egyptian ones and continue into Sinai. Last week, no Israeli private cars had yet gone through, but the situation has apparently improved.

The Egyptians are laying foundations for more permanent customs and immigration structures. Perhaps they believe that the present "temporary" lines will last a long time.

WE TURN BACK towards our



Werner Braun

main destination — Rafi's place. His village is tucked away behind a large outcrop of rock that separates his turf from the hotel.

Rafi greets us in his cowboy hat and boots, and worn black swimming trunks. He's holding a drink and a cigar and he turns on his broad grin, embracing old cronies.

Rafi's "village" comprises a collection of thatched huts, pathways lined by palm trees, shacks with no apparent function, and assorted bric-a-brac, such as a half-buried bass fiddle, the shell of a Conestoga wagon, a shipping container with

one side smashed in, a tombstone bearing some Teutonic sounding name, a cash register that rings up pounds and mills, and two expired generators.

In the centre of it all is the bar and grill where Rafi holds court amid the crashing decibels generated by two powerful speakers. Attention quickly shifts towards the beach, with the male visitors searching for female sunbathers. Alas, it's a cloudy day with occasional raindrops, and sun worshippers are nowhere to be found.

ASIDE FROM a few visitors eating lunch and fending off the predatory ducks that come to snip at the food (or, failing that, at human flesh), Rafi's best customers these days seem to be the lucky men of the MFO who drop in while on patrol for a (soft) drink, a rest and a bit of girl-watching. After their 10-day stint in Taba, they rotate with their comrades and spend a few weeks out in a lonely desert outpost.

Rafi says that he's going abroad soon for a rest while the diplomats argue over the fate of his paradise. Some of his problems have already

been solved — the Israeli authorities informed him recently that Israeli law would be enforced in the neutral zone. Before that was cleared up, he didn't know whether he still had to collect VAT or pay income tax, or whom he should call if trouble broke out in his village.

It's late afternoon now. The sea is rougher than usual because of the odd weather. The clouds and the rain have brought an unexpected gift in the east: a rainbow arching from Jordan over the mountains to the pots of black gold in Saudi Arabia.

Portion of the Week: Bamidbar. Numbers 1.1. — 3.20. Haftarah: Hosea 2.1 — 22. The verse discussed is Hosea 2.14.

AS STATED in this column last week, the doctrine of the reward for loyalty to God and the Torah, and the penalty for their disregard, is given by the prophets in similes and metaphors taken from the world of flora. It is not only in metaphor, however.

In the second paragraph of the Shema (Deut. 11.13-15) read twice daily in our prayers, it is stated as a prosaic fact: "If ye shall hearken diligently to my commandments... I will give the rain of your land in its season... that thou mayest gather in thy corn, thy wine and thine oil etc.... But if ye turn aside and serve other gods and worship them... He will shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit."

That most frequent of all references in the Bible to the bounty of the land "corn, wine and oil" occurs in the Haftarah for this

Faithless wife

TORA AND FLORA
L.I. Rabinowitz

Sabbath as well, but in a different, metaphorical context. Israel is portrayed by the prophet under the metaphor of a faithless wife who has abandoned her husband and gone whoring with other men. At the time of the prophecy, however, she does not seem to have suffered materially from that unfaithfulness. She is amply supplied with "the corn, the wine and the oil" except that instead of attributing her prosperity to God ("she did not know that it was I that gave her the corn and the wine and the oil") she actually regards it as her harlot's hire! ("She hath said, these are my hire that my lovers have given me").

The metaphor, however, changes

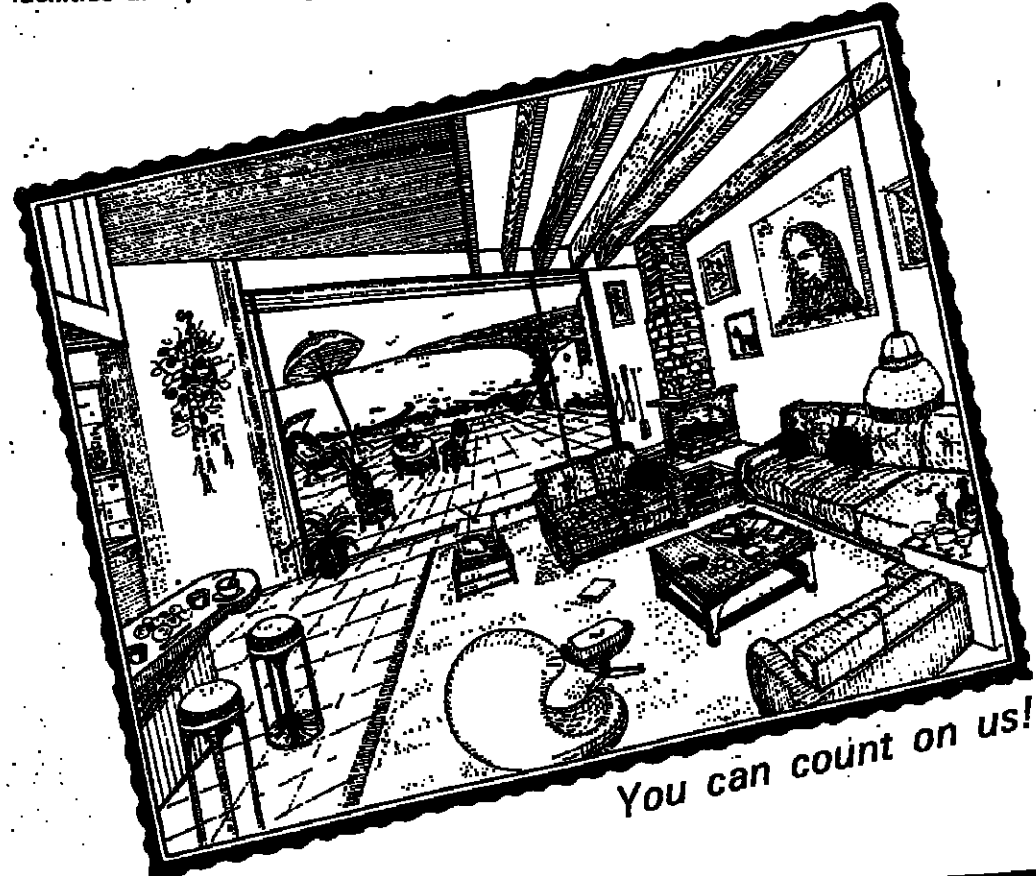
slightly. Instead of the traditional "corn wine and oil" it becomes "her vine and her fig tree" and at last she will suffer her deserved punishment "and I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, and I will make them a forest and the beasts of the field shall eat them."

"The beasts of the field," wild and not domesticated animals! It adds point to a lovely quip made by the late Cecil Roth with reference to the second paragraph of the Shema quoted above. Not only will obedience to God produce "thy corn, and thy wine and thine oil" but, as it continues, "I will give grass in thy field for thy cattle and thou shalt eat and be satisfied," which Cecil Roth paraphrased, "And you will enjoy a juicy steak!" And interestingly enough, in addition to the wealth of flora used by Hosea in this Haftarah, oil, wine, corn, flax and figs, one animal product is mentioned — wool! That, however, comes from domesticated animals; the waste figs and vines turned into a forest will benefit only the wild beasts.

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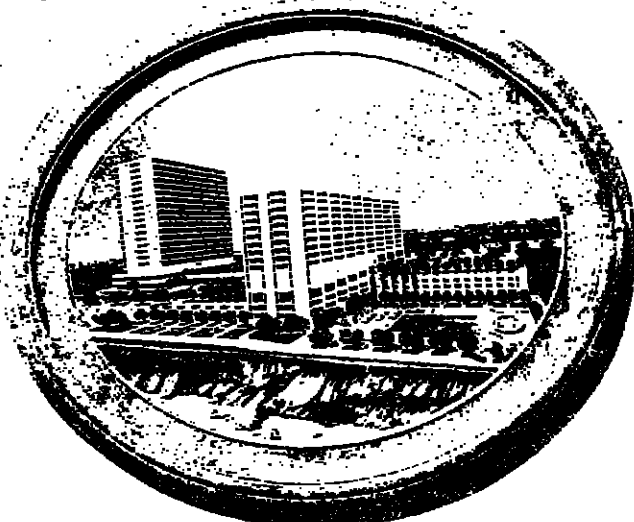
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PROMISES, PROMISES. Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres and Knesset faction head Moshe Shalal came within an eyelash of bringing down the government this week. But they may find it even more difficult to deliver the promised "safe" seats on the next Alignment ticket to Likud defectors Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz. The first signs of opposition come from Tel Aviv strongman Eliahu Speiser, of the party's Yehuda faction, who has served notice that he will not go along with the deal.

CAMPAIGN PLEDGE. The government's victory in Wednesday's confidence vote has not slowed talk of early elections. And Prime Minister Menachem Begin seems to be itching for a fight. He told his friends that he plans to barnstorm all over the country during the next campaign, and that Peres and his allies "won't know what hit them." Likud hopes are buoyed by a recent poll, which gave them 59 seats in the 11th Knesset.

WHILE THE MICE PLAY. Ezer Weizman had to follow the latest Knesset cliff-hanger by long dis-

THE PRICE OF DEFECTION



Haim Barkai (Uri Keren)

ance. Our most famous pilot was in London this week, on a short vacation with his wife Reuma.

The flying Weizman's trip left talk of a centrist "third force" up in the air, and Likud maverick Dror Zeigerman's talk of a group including Deputy Premier Simha



Aharon Uzan (Israel Suss)

Ehrlich, Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patz and MK Dan Tichon, together with himself, was torpedoed by Reb Simha himself, who indicated he planned to stick with the Likud.

Another member of the mooted alignment, Amnon Rabenstein of Shinui, denied reports that he'd gone to Caesarea to talk to Weizman.

Only Shlomo Eliahu, the former DMC MK, seemed confident that the constellation would ever get started. The insurance magnate spoke knowingly of the plan's prospects at a dinner party given by South African Ambassador Stuart Franklin, at the latter's Tel Binyamin residence. Another guest, Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dabiz, listened silently. Dabiz is concerned about another election as well — the World Zionist Organization/Jewish Agency vote at next year's World Zionist Congress.

COMEDIAN Tuvia Tzafir is best known for his political imitations. His latest is in the voice of Defence Minister Ariel Sharon, in which Tzafir expands his stomach and groans: "I've been going around for

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three months with a war in my belly, but it won't come out."

BORDER TENSIONS. From Upper Galilee, we hear that while the threat of military conflagration along our northern border may have subsided, relations between local leaders remain very much on a war footing. Upper Galilee Regional Council chairman Avraham Broshi, of Kibbutz Shamir, is grumbling about the way some of his colleagues, particularly Yossi Goldberg of Metulla, tried to press for IDF action in Lebanon. He's also questioning the propriety of a meeting called by Chief-of-Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan with local leaders at a northern army base, from which emerged a joint letter to the Prime Minister's Office.

TAMI EVICTIONS. The departure of Rafi Rotem from his job as head of the National Insurance Institute wasn't the only case of Tami-inspired house-moving this week. Seems that one of Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan's first actions was to have the offices of deputy minister Bezalel Rubin moved from the ministry's main building to the old Social Welfare building in Jerusalem's Talpiot quarter.

THE JOB ROSTER. Israel's next labour attaché in Washington will be Diner political columnist Daniel Block, who got the post after an agreement between Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel. Block's place as the Labour Party representative on the Broadcasting Authority plenum is expected to be filled by Israel Peleg, the secretary of the Labour Knesset caucus.

Dr. Arye Harari, a Binyamina

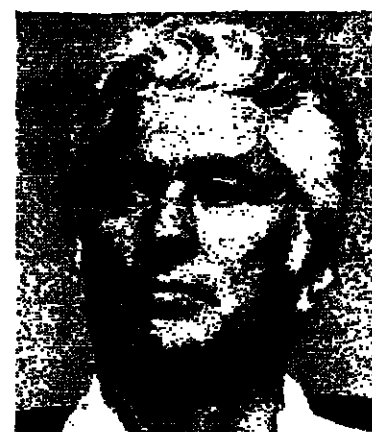


Sallie Lewis (Mikman)

pediatrician and Herut activist, has been tapped as the new cultural attaché in Paris. Harari's last overseas duty was as a Betar shillah in Belgium some years ago.

The resignation of Prof. Haim Barkai has left open the chairmanship of the Bank of Israel's advisory committee. One possible choice to fill the post is Dr. Yehanan Bader, the 80-year-old Herut former economics chief, who is now deputy chairman. But some people are saying that if Telem ever joins the coalition, it will get the post for its current No. 3, former MK and current merchant banker Zalman Shoval.

THE SENSE OF CENSORSHIP. London's *Sunday Times* this week reported that a senior officer in the military censor's office expressed surprise that *Two Minutes Over Baghdad*, a new book on Israel nuclear policy, was cleared for publication. That work was co-authored by three Israelis — Dr. Michael Hendel of the Hebrew University; HU graduate student (and reportedly ex-Air Force officer) Uri Bar-Yosef; and Prof. Amos Perlmutter of the American University in Washington, D.C. There was also surprise from



Eliahu Speiser (Nackstrand)

journalist Eli Teicher, whose *None Will Survive Us — The Story of Israel's A-Bomb* was banned by the centre back in 1980. Teicher, who wrote the book with Knesset editor Ami Doron, told me that after hearing of the publication of the new book, he'd asked the censor to review its 1980 decision. That bid was denied, and Teicher says he's consulting his attorneys before launching an appeal.

NOT PACKING YET. Reports from Washington have U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis agreeing to Secretary of State Alexander Haig's request to take over from Nicholas Veliotes as assistant secretary for Near East and South Asian affairs. But Mrs. Sallie Lewis made it clear that they're not leaving quite yet. She was attending the Monday night premiere of the Eli Zuckier-directed production of *The Curious Savage* by the ZOA House Dramatic Circle, of which she, together with Mrs. Annette Dabiz, is a patron.

We called Mrs. Lewis to check on Wednesday morning, interrupting her Hebrew lesson. She said she'd only heard of the switch from the press, and naturally had no plans as yet.

If Lewis leaves, his successor as doyen of the diplomatic corps will be Ambassador Vasco Mariz of Brazil, recently back in Israel after an extended home leave. Mariz, the biographer of Villa-Lobos, recently completed a book entitled *The History of Brazilian Music*.

DISPLACED DIPLOMAT. Egypt's consul in Eilat, Hassan Issa, is currently living in the Laromine Hotel while repairs are being made on the house he leased for \$20,000 a year. The roof of the house, which belongs to Nissan Neuman, a member of Tourism Minister Avraham Shari's Liberal Party faction, was ruled unsafe by city building inspectors. Eilat Mayor Gad Katz is trying to speed up the work.

THE COUNCIL for a Beautiful Israel will celebrate its bat mitzva with chairman Anna Herzog leading a delegation to call on Mrs. Ofra Navon to present her with a scroll. Back in 1969, she said, the wife of the president-to-be "came forward to advise us on how to instill a love of wild flowers in children. She has been very, very helpful ever since."

THE EDITOR of Davar, Hanna Zemer, last week was elected a member of the International Press Institute's executive at the IPI's assembly in Madrid. Mrs. Zemer, who replaced Post Editor Ari Rath, is the second woman to serve on the prestigious body; the first was Greece's redoubtable Helena Vlachou.

WE'VE JUST LEARNED that the Jerusalem Foundation has obtained a \$5m. donation to build a 750-seat concert hall for the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. Construction is due to begin soon, at a site near the Jerusalem Theatre.

Foundation sources confirmed the story, but said that the donor's name could not yet be disclosed. The hall was designed by husband-and-wife architectural team Shulamit and Michael Nadler, who also have the Jerusalem Theatre to their credit.

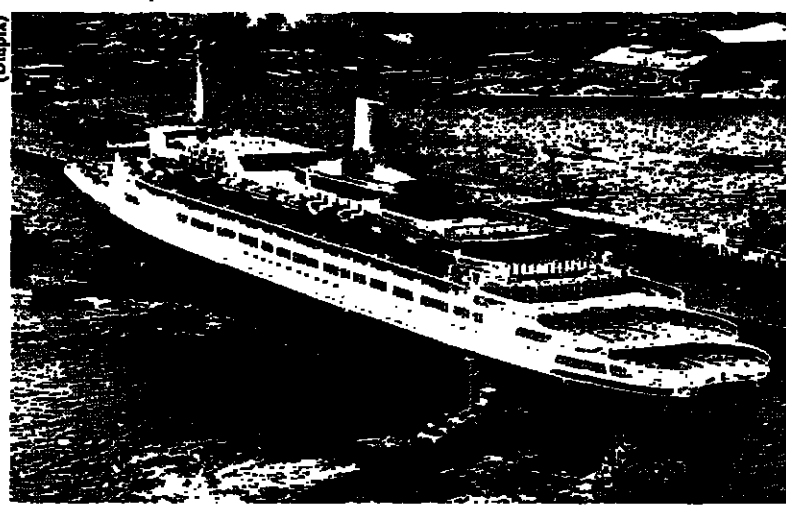
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FEARED WARRIORS HEAD FOR FALKLANDS

By MARK BAILLIE / London



SEVEN HUNDRED stocky Himalayan mountain men are the most incongruous passengers aboard the converted luxury liner Queen Elizabeth II, which is now carrying British troops to possible war in the gale-swept South Atlantic.

The men are Nepalese Gurkha soldiers, for whom the unfriendly South Atlantic waves will be a far cry from their homes below the rooftop of the world.

Gurkhas have fought for Britain since 1815 and today, with only one battalion in Britain, their regular beats are the far-flung remnants of British influence — Hong Kong and Brunei in South-East Asia, Belize in Central America, and now the Falkland Islands.

These short, stocky warriors are among the toughest and most feared soldiers in the world, surrounded by awe and myth, much of it focused on the *kukri*, their long, curved, vicious knife.

Terrifying *kukri* charges accompanied by cries of "Ayo Gurkhal" (Here Come the Gurkhas) in wars from Afghanistan to the Sahara Desert have built Britain's Gurkhas a reputation for determination against all odds.

THE HASTILY converted Queen Elizabeth II is carrying the First

Battalion, 7th Duke of Edinburgh's own Gurkha Rifles, part of the 7,800-strong brigade of Gurkhas, based mainly in Hong Kong and led by British officers.

Featured in every unit's badge and standard issue to every man, the *kukri* most characterizes Gurkhas. A common myth attached to the weapon is that the Gurkha must draw blood every time he draws his *kukri*, leading him to nick his finger ritually every time he cleans it.

In fact, the *kukri*, although lovingly cared for, cleaned and polished, is a far more prosaic and flexible weapon and tool, combining the characteristics of a knife, an axe, a machete, a trowel and a hammer.

Most exotic of the brigade's many peculiarities is perhaps the language. Few Gurkhas speak English and it takes a new British officer about six months to get a useful grasp of the Gurkhal essen-

tial for communicating with his men.

DESPITE THE language barrier, the Gurkhas on the QE II will have an opportunity to renew with the Scots Guards also on board an historic link between the Highlanders of Nepal and Scotland. Most Gurkha units proudly maintain a pipe band and the regiments march to traditional Scottish tunes. Today, Gurkha pipers dressed in tartan kilts, "Kilmarnock" hats and tartan trews — but not kilts — train at the army's School of Piping in Edinburgh.

If the traditions and uniforms of the brigade could hardly be more British, dominated by the black and dark green accoutrements and badges of the Rifle Regiment tradition, the Gurkhas have brought not only their weapon and their language to the British Army but also their religion.

Every unit has its own Hindu temple and priest, and Hindu religious holidays bring activities to a halt in the same way Christmas does in the rest of the armed forces.

Some units even have their own Nepalese school for the soldiers' children, but many soldiers have to leave their families in Nepal and only see them during the long leave periods, often several months,

granted every two or three years.

NEPAL WAS NEVER colonized by Britain and the Gurkhas serving overseas have often been called mercenaries.

Indeed, today's British Gurkha gets an income and a pension well above the average in Nepal, although below normal British Army rates, but the pride and the status of the soldier appear to go beyond financial benefits.

The bravery and determination of Gurkha troops are signs of a bond with their British officers stronger than could be forged by discipline or money, and many recruits arrive with a long family tradition of service with a particular regiment.

The only serving holder of the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award for valour in battle, is a Gurkha, and last year one of the few Gurkhas to gain a place at Sandhurst, Britain's officer training academy, won the sword of honour for being top of his class.

After border patrols in Hong Kong, jungle warfare training in Brunei and guard duty at Buckingham Palace, the Gurkhas cruising towards the rocky, freezing Falklands can be expected to face their latest exotic assignment with the tough equanimity that is their mark.

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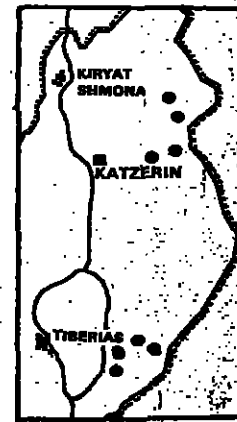
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Shlomo through in Munich, seeds fly in Rome

Post Sports Staff
Shlomo Glückstein went through to the quarter-finals of the \$75,000 Bavarian Tennis Championships in Munich by beating Stefan Simonson of Sweden 6-2, 6-2 in the second round. Top-seed Peter McNamara lost 6-1, 7-6 to West German Peter Elter, but second-seed Gene Mayer defeated Klaus Eberhard 6-1, 7-6. Jose Lopez-Maeso of Spain eliminated the title-holder, Chris Lewis of New Zealand, 6-3, 6-1.
There has been an amazing series of upsets in the \$300,000 Italian Open in Rome. Seeds have fallen like the Roman Empire. French teenager Thierry Tulasne, ranked 74th in the world, whipped the number-one seed, Jose-Luis Clerc 7-5, 6-1, by playing cool but aggressive tennis. Clerc left the court looking disturbed and dejected, and refused to talk to reporters.
Then the unseeded Peruvian, Pabo Arroya, trounced the number-two seed, Johan Kriek, 6-1, 6-2. This left Vitas Gerulaitis as the top favourite. But he too crumbled, going down 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 to 29-year-old Jose Higueras of Spain, who won for the first time in numerous encounters since he and Gerulaitis were among the world's most promising teenagers. Higueras is No. 21 in the world.
Another French teenager, Henri Leconte, dispatched sixth-seeded Balazs Taroczy of Hungary 7-6, 6-3. But the French successes came to an abrupt end when Ecuador's Andres Gomez surprised Yannick Noah 5-7, 6-3, 6-0. Gomez had Noah running all over the court by means of ferocious cross-court volleys.
Eliot Teltscher, now favoured to win, was far too good for England's Buster Mottram, winning 6-6, 6-3.



Teltscher said he would not be playing in Wimbledon this year.
"It's just not worth the trouble," he said. "The only reason I would play there is if I thought I had a chance to win. I played in 1977 and I just don't like the atmosphere or the attitude of the officials. I don't have the temperament to put up with them. And trying to practise there is murder. So I'll be sitting on the beach in California reading in the paper about the English rain which always falls during the tournament."
In the women's \$100,000 West German Open, Sylvia Hanika, Kathy Rinaldi, Bonnie Gadusek, Andrea Leand, Hana Mandlikova, and Mimi Jausovac are through the third round.
In Paris, it has been announced that John McEnroe will probably not be playing the French Open, starting May 24, as his ankle has not recovered.

Last wicket stand doubles score

Post Sports Staff
Yorkshire were in deep trouble in their match against Warwickshire. West Indian pace bowler Gladstone Small sent man after man back to the pavilion. When rain interrupted play, the score was 91 for 7, and Small had taken 5 for 17. Yorkshire's only hope was still there.
After play resumed, Yorkshire struggled to 146 for 9, when Boycott was joined by bowler Graham Stephenson. Stephenson set about the bowling with such immense gusto that the last wicket stand put on 156, before Boycott was dismissed for 79. Stephenson contributed 115 not out. Warwickshire were 158 and 148 for 7.
The Indian tourists are having a torrid time in their match against the MCC at Lord's. After the MCC declared for 319 for 4, Randall making a century and Tavaré 99, the Indians crawled with difficulty to 178 for 8.

European basketball

LISBON (Reuters). — The European Men's Basketball Championship challenge round starts here today with 12 countries bidding for the four remaining places in the 1983 finals in Strasbourg, France.
The eight teams already qualified for next year's finals are Israel, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Italy, Poland and France.
West Germany are favoured to finish top, with England, Greece and Hungary considered the other likely qualifiers for the finals.

Braves batter Expos

NEW YORK (AP). — Bob Horner went four-for-four and drove in three runs and Chris Chambliss knocked in two as the Atlanta Braves unleashed a 13-hit attack to defeat the struggling Montreal Expos 9-1 on Wednesday night.
In other National League action, Don Robinson survived eight walks and three wild pitches over 7 1/3 innings and got relief from Rod Seury and Kent Tekulve as the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the San Francisco Giants 2-1.
Dave Kingman hit his 13th home run of the season, a three-run shot in the first inning, to back right-hander Pat Zachry's seven-batter as the New York Mets defeated the Cincinnati Reds 4-2.

Kiko Garcia drove in two runs and the Houston Astros beat Steve Carlton for the first time in nine games since 1978 with a 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.
In the American League, Enos Cabell's single drove in Alan Trammell with the go-ahead run in Detroit's four-run sixth inning and the Tigers went on to a 6-3 victory over the Oakland A's for their seventh consecutive triumph.
Rance Mulliniks and Dave Revering cracked RBI doubles to highlight a three-run eighth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to beat the Cleveland Indians 8-5.

Tommy John scattered seven hits in seven innings and got RBI singles from John Mayberry and Graig Nettles, leading the Yankees to a 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals.
Reggie Jackson slammed a two-run homer and Bruce Kison pitched seven scoreless innings in leading the California Angels to their sixth consecutive victory, a 7-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Benny Ayala, the first batter after an 81-minute rain-delay in this second inning, rapped a three-run homer which lifted the Baltimore Orioles to a 4-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins.
Gary Allenson's two-out double drive home the winning run in the 12th inning, giving the Boston Red Sox a 6-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners.
Pinch-runner Jerry Hairston scored from second base on an infield hit and an error by Texas second baseman Doug Flynn with two out in the ninth inning, giving the Chicago White Sox a 6-5 victory over the Rangers.

In late-NL action on the West Coast, Dave Stewart pitched five-hit ball for eight innings in his first major league start and Bill Russell hit his first home run in nearly two years to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Swedish amateurs take UEFA Cup from Hamburg

Post Sports Staff
The most amazing victory of the year, and one of the most remarkable in the history of soccer, was achieved on Wednesday night by Gothenberg of Sweden in the final of the UEFA Cup. They brought mighty Hamburg, at home in Hamburg, crashing down in a 3-0 defeat.
Gothenberg are a team of amateurs playing part-time soccer for pay. Hamburg, poised at the moment to win the German league, are one of the greatest professional sides in the world. The Swedes were not expected to have a ghost of a chance of winning, even after they won the first leg of the final 1-0 in Gothenberg. All the experts shrugged off that win as a home town fluke.
But Gothenberg were undaunted by the name of Hamburg or the long odds quoted against them. In the 26th minute, Cornelsson drove in a goal. Thereafter the Swedes defended heroically against wave after wave of German onslaughts, occasionally launching dangerous breaks. One of these, in the second half, was rewarded with a goal by Nielsen. Four minutes later, Frederickson ground Hamburg's nose into the dirt by ramming home a penalty.

QPR hope to stop Spurs

By WINSOR DOBBIN
LONDON (AP). — Terry Venables, manager of Queen's Park Rangers, is regarded as one of the sharpest thinkers in English soccer.
The 39-year-old cockney, who also is a successful author, is playing a subtle game of psychology prior to Saturday's FA Cup Final between his own unfashionable Second Division club and the holders of the trophy, Tottenham Hotspur, one of the most famous teams in the world, who won the Cup last year.
But Venables, himself a former Tottenham player, feels that all the pressure on Spurs. He is trying to add to that pressure by emphasizing Rangers' role as underdogs.
"We've done well just to get to Wembley," he said. "But for Tottenham anything short of success will not be good enough. We won't be going just to make up the numbers, but it suits us that all the pre-match attention is centred on Tottenham."

Britain's bookmakers regard Queen's Park Rangers as 4 to 1 outsiders, but Venables feels that these odds are too generous.
"I find that strange because both teams have four or five players who are scoring goals regularly and are capable of deciding the match," he said.
Tottenham will, of course, be without one of its Argentine stars, Osvaldo Ardiles, in his country's World Cup squad, but Ricardo Villa will play despite the Falkland Islands crisis.
The pressure on the glamorous North London club is increased by the fact that Spurs were chasing four major titles just a couple of months ago, but now can win only the FA Cup.

Queen's Park Rangers' players can relax, safe in the knowledge that reaching the final is a major achievement for a poorly supported team from distinctly un-trendy West London.

Striker Clive Allen, who Thursday celebrated his 21st birthday, said: "Reaching the final was really more than we expected, but we are determined to go out and to enjoy ourselves."
Both teams actually have a similar, continental style. Both Venables and his Tottenham counterpart Keith Burkinshaw have been influenced by the Dutch and West German teams of the 1970s. But both are also pragmatists and have allied steel to style.
Rangers can, on occasion, be a niggly, petulant team, which is in contrast to the full-blooded approach of Tottenham defenders Paul Miller and Graham Roberts. But skill remains the outstanding feature of both sides. Tottenham have Villa, Garth Crooks, Mike Hazard and the midfield mastery of Glenn Hoddle. Rangers rely on the guile of Tony Currie, the flash of Simon Stainrod and the speed of Allen.
Currie and Hoddle are the men who could be decisive.
Tottenham must be tired after a long, arduous season. That weariness could take its toll. Rangers may be fresh enough and eager enough to overcome the difference in real class.
But, if Tottenham can lift themselves for one last effort, there can, realistically, be only one winner.

STRONG MAN

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Alexander Aivazyan, 28-year-old Soviet weightlifter, snatched a world record of 162 kgs. in Dnepropetrovsk yesterday. His lift was half a kilo more than the previous best set by Bulgarian Nedelcho Kolev.

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Industrial Premises

Plaster partitions, Tavit, most efficient solution for interior division. Sinai Company, office + showroom, 05-226774.

For sale, 200sq.m. + gallery, phone, 1 floor, power, near Beit Hashim, Holon, \$100,000, 554434.

Offices

Furnished offices and meeting rooms immediately available. Hourly, daily or monthly. Answering service, phone, telex, multilingual secretarial services, translations, photocopying, 05-616544, Kikar Sheraton, 234480.

Large offices with phone, according to requirements, Tel Aviv and area, 735488, 612189.

Sevion Carpentry, manufacturing, marketing office furniture, permanent showroom, 20 Sheraton, Yehuda, Tel Aviv, 05-823525.

For sale, office + storeroom, 24 Rehov Herta, Gd. 4 Shimon HaMalka, Tel Aviv, 05-233840.

Plots

Herzliya, south of Akadia, immediate, dammed designed for construction, 05-53685.

Kiryat Oso, dammed, border construction, one time border, Centre, 751425.

Can Yavin, plots, construction permits, 600sq.m. from \$19,630 + VAT. Can Yavin Agri. 055-94335; 055-94587.

For sale, immediate construction, Afula, village area (Nevah Shariel), unprecedented prices, 15380,000, first come first served, limited number of plots, Hashkhat Media, 6 Arlosoroff, Haifa, 04-66110.

Even Yehuda, dammed, central, for 2 family, 595,000, 055-99076.

Plot owner in Holon, sell your plot for cash or percentage, Tel. 05-888000.

Shops

Bargain, shop, centre, Kikar Atarim, upper floor, 876730.

For sale, about 36sq.m., Kikar Sheraton, 234480.

For sale, corner shop, Rehov Herta, Ramat Gan, 229388, 722838.

Shop, 20sq.m. + gallery, 798257.

General

Most accurate reliable hair test in world, determines level of minerals, metabolism in your body, solve symptoms, bothersome illnesses, without surgery, 05-233840, at Pharm-Delta, Tel Aviv.

Announcements

Regis congratulates Kibbutz Baran upon receiving Bobak 543 loader, digger for cleaning coops, yard work, 05-233840.

Agricultural

Sale, Villa Franca, lemon saplings, long, luscious, hybrid, delicious, 05-94762.

Sale, John Deere tractor 31-30 with cabin, 500 hours, West 5-blade plow, 18 inch, 067-65224, 65167, 63703.

Rehovot, evening tractor course, opening 23.5.82, Tel. 05-92779, 054-5124.

Established farm, Karmel, 40 dunams of orchards + house, 04-942467.

Sale, bargain, 7500, year old tractor, 05-233840.

Wish to purchase used houses + equipment for carnations, 052-36377, 052-36387.

Developed Kusek saplings in sacks, 05-233840.

Farm in centre, two villas, hand in orchard, chicken coop + hatchery, 5215,000, Yachin, 02-288004.

Sale, farm in religious moosh, 05-233840.

Travel & Tourism

Seeking partner for Western USA and Hawaii in April, 04-746069, Elud.

Vacations

Moshav Dor-Tzur, vacation flat for rent, 05-991962.

Vigil Camping, Elit, bungalow, 33 per person, 059-76461, evenings.

Betzlet Hagefen, air conditioned, camping bus, vegetarian food, Liphshitz, Amrit, 067-39206.

Boats

15 metre yacht, \$125,000, Dobson in Marina, Haifa.

Furniture

Used furniture, refrigerators, cleaning, 05-233840.

Furniture, refrigerators, cleaning, antiques purchased, 04-662065, 04-85009, 04-532861.

Musical Instruments

200 watt amplifier, Fender "twi-rever", 04-536497, 04-523837.

PERSONNEL

Situations Vacant

Woman required for live-in with elderly woman in Ahuzat, Carmel, 04-660429, evenings, not Shabbat.

Carpenter required for work in carpentry, Beitanim, 712123-3, 925232.

Sales agent for fashion accessories company, with car, 04-283301.

Crane operator required for 8 ton crane, work in construction, Constant Model Beiton (Telat), 28 Rehov Herzliya, Tel. 328211.

Layoffs office, Hahach, requires experienced Hebrew typist, 04-72993.

150,000 net per month, full time work, transportation and travel for security personnel, car, police, 04-72993.

Commitment for 3 months, Hahach, 33 Haanana, Haifa, with ID and reserves cards + 2 pictures.

Required excellent typist operator, total command of English, Hahach, 33 Haanana, Haifa, with ID and reserves cards + 2 pictures.

Knowledge of Hebrew preferred but not essential, Hahach, 33 Haanana, Haifa, with ID and reserves cards + 2 pictures.

04-72993.

Situations Wanted

L.B.M. typist interested in work at home in English, Carmel, Haifa, 04-53772 (Margalit).

DOMESTIC HELP

Ramat Hasharon, seek person for domestic help, 4 days, accommodation possible, 72220, not Shabbat.

Kamat Hasharon, domestic, 4 times weekly, for 4 hours, 47835, 293594.

77 Dargatzil, Haifa, 04-246543, 09-10-20.

Leah Vardi, Vered Hemed staff sell company you did your marriage day, devoted, reliable professional service. Best Buy, Most Preferred Business 1982, religious department, 17 Shimon HaMalka, Tel Aviv, 05-233840.

Young pretty, charming, educated, sense of humor, interesting, 05-233840.

He

30, 168, seeks suitable girl for serious purpose, Garb, 32 Rehov Gordon, Tel Aviv, 05-233840.

Widower, American businessman, with means, respected man, seeks woman, 30-35, English or German speaking, for serious purpose, Tel Aviv, 05-233840.

Graduate, 31, 181, seeks attractive girl, P.O.B. 1700, Ramat Gan.

Spring has arrived, love blooms in me, magnificent view, 5 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, for youth, graduates, 05-233840.

Independent, established, graduate, attractive, single, Ashdod, for marriage, 05-233840.

Graduate, European, seeks educated, pleasant, to 30, Tel. 04-52687.

For serious people, interested in meeting cultured partners from good homes, come to Eli Chelouche, 09-1949 at home + Saturday (not ofc).

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She

Widow, 58, pretty, educated, serious, seeks partner, P.O.B. 3004, A. Tel Aviv.

Attractive, 40, educated, established, 36,160, seeks suitable, serious, P.O.B. 379, Ramat Gan.

Attractive, 34, 163, clerk, Private P.O.B. 32304, A. Tel Aviv.

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FLATS

Teraced flats and penthouses, Rehov Eder, 80763.

Villas & Houses

Villa + plot, Kiryat Aza, 04-72939.

Kfar Hasidim, detached, split-level, 175sq.m. + 715sq.m. plot, 04-715643.

1,000sq.m. plot, bottom level, not finished, 30,000, 703922, work, 712100, Dov.

Tiberias, terraced villas in beautiful area, magnificent view, 5 rooms, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, for youth, graduates, 04-72939.

2-2 1/2 ROOMS

Kiryat Shalom, 24 rooms, partially finished, 04-72939.

Gilboa, 2nd floor, improved, 04-660429, evenings, not Shabbat.

3-3 1/2 ROOMS

34 beautiful, in 2-family house, near Carmel centre, separate entrance, garden, heating, 04-64743, from Friday only, 09-10-13.

Ramat Shaul, vacant, 34, wonderful, 47sq.m., 04-72939.

Wingman, Hader, 3 very large rooms + balconies, 4th floor, 514351, 51041.

Oren Hachem, 3 1/2 + yard, new, mortgage possible, 05-876534.

4 ROOMS & MORE

Roommate, beautiful, 4, 90sq.m., improved, 4th floor, 04-242602.

Kiryat Mozkim, 4 rooms, clinic, for rent, payments possible, 04-70562.

Alzuza, 4, double convenience, 255,992, 17,000-21,000.

New Roma, Rehov Oren, 4, 3rd floor, 241913.

Carmelia, 4, double, view, extra, 59,000, Tel. 04-244000.

Derech Hayam, well arranged, 4, cupboards, storeroom, parking, view, 04-44946.

Flats for rent

French Carmel, new, 3 rooms, facing sea, 332905.

New Shaanana, 4, unfurnished, 31,200, from August, 5150, Tel. 712166.

Alzuza, 3, Avigal, 2nd floor, for office or residence, 4, phone, partially furnished, 260, Tel. 04-73679.

Carmel, 2 furnished, balcony, phone, 244775, Saturday morning, 330901.

Furnished Flats

Abs, 3, view, phone, 2200, Tel. 04-24707, evenings.

PURCHASE/SALE

House contents including oak antiques, salon, refrigerator, carpets, upholstery, wall oven, bedroom, stove, washing machine, 04-246432.

FLATS

French Hill, 3, 80sq.m., lift, 71,000, 81549, Mordchei.

Shimon, 3, 122sq.m., floor, cupboards, lift, 662546.

Kiryat Yovel, 3 rooms, nice, Tel. 418227, usual hours.

Ramat, 3 + double, 46,000 + VAT, no agents, 288331, 22679, Armon.

Tamemar Habira, under construction, in terraces, 3, 4 rooms, 5 rooms, 6 rooms, 7 rooms, 8 rooms, 9 rooms, 10 rooms, 11 rooms, 12 rooms, 13 rooms, 14 rooms, 15 rooms, 16 rooms, 17 rooms, 18 rooms, 19 rooms, 20 rooms, 21 rooms, 22 rooms, 23 rooms, 24 rooms, 25 rooms, 26 rooms, 27 rooms, 28 rooms, 29 rooms, 30 rooms, 31 rooms, 32 rooms, 33 rooms, 34 rooms, 35 rooms, 36 rooms, 37 rooms, 38 rooms, 39 rooms, 40 rooms, 41 rooms, 42 rooms, 43 rooms, 44 rooms, 45 rooms, 46 rooms, 47 rooms, 48 rooms, 49 rooms, 50 rooms, 51 rooms, 52 rooms, 53 rooms, 54 rooms, 55 rooms, 56 rooms, 57 rooms, 58 rooms, 59 rooms, 60 rooms, 61 rooms, 62 rooms, 63 rooms, 64 rooms, 65 rooms, 66 rooms, 67 rooms, 68 rooms, 69 rooms, 70 rooms, 71 rooms, 72 rooms, 73 rooms, 74 rooms, 75 rooms, 76 rooms, 77 rooms, 78 rooms, 79 rooms, 80 rooms, 81 rooms, 82 rooms, 83 rooms, 84 rooms, 85 rooms, 86 rooms, 87 rooms, 88 rooms, 89 rooms, 90 rooms, 91 rooms, 92 rooms, 93 rooms, 94 rooms, 95 rooms, 96 rooms, 97 rooms, 98 rooms, 99 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FAR AND AWAY

By HESH KESTIN / Special to The Jerusalem Post



first plane to New York — what do you mean, why?

"But there's more, isn't there?"

"Sure," said Horsley. "We know where to go. I mean, we don't go to things like the Greek-Turkish Cyprus war, because that kind of stuff isn't television — you've got to be able to identify the villain in television. And, of course, we know when to get out."

"And I say, Horsley, let's get out."

"But you and I know, Charley, that nothing has changed here, except for the worst — I mean. This is an ongoing story. There's no telling

what Begin will do next. I mean, what if he annexes the West Bank and we're not there?"

"Can he do that?"

"Well, not according to Camp David..." said Horsley. "But he can do almost anything else. He can invade Lebanon."

"He's always doing that, or talking about it. Remember, he never did take those missiles out, the ones those Iraqis put in."

"Syrians."

"Who cares," said Charley. "Everybody is tired of South Lebanon, and for my money, unless Begin decides to walk naked

through a refugee camp, nothing is happening, nothing new."

Both men considered this, looking glumly into the mirror behind the bar, Charley at his own image and Horsley at his expense account. After a while, Horsley spoke.

"Charles, I know I'm supposed to be the brains and you're supposed to be the voice of authority, but maybe you're onto something."

"Didn't I predict the fall of Saigon?"

"Almost to the year."

"And didn't I get the last interview with Sadat?"

HORSLEY CAME IN with the news at half past eight. "Charley," he said, "You know where the Falklands are?"

"Neither where nor what," Charley told him, looking at himself in the mirror behind the bar.

"They've just been invaded."

Charley came alive. "South Lebanon?"

"Don't you wish," Horsley told him. "No, not South Lebanon and not the West Bank. Some place off our beat."

"Well, then, what the hell."

"You make nine hundred dollars a week, Charles."

"And expenses."

"That's right, nine and another six, and the people in New York think you're bright, isn't that it?"

"Oh yes," Charley said. He was thinking that either the mirror was growing old or he was. Oh well, he thought, I'll be an elder statesman kind of newsman, like Dan Rather or Cronkite — no, he thought, not quite as elder as Cronkite. He was considering his resemblance to Ed Murrow when his producer interrupted him again.

"Charles," Horsley said, "You don't get it. New York hasn't used any stuff out of Israel for a week now."

"They haven't?"

"Not even that great stuff about the little Palestinian puppy kicked by a soldier on the West Bank?"

"Not even the shots of tanks being trucked up to the Golan?"

"Not even the ones of the Druse..."

"Nothing, Charles, my boy. Not a thing. This matter of us sitting on a gold-mine may be over."

Charley drew himself half off the bar, most of his weight on one elbow, and considered. "The thing is, you've got to know when to get out. There's nothing worse in this business than staying with a story when it's done."

"But it's not done, Charles. You know that. I mean, New York still wants the kind of visuals only we can give them: truncheon-wielding Israeli soldiers..."

"Peace Now demonstrations put

down by the police..."

"Arik Sharon looking mean..."

"Menachem Begin looking..."

"Don't say it, Charley. I told you that. Let the visuals tell the story. You just comment on the big picture."

"I forget," Charley said. "Look here, where are these Falklands? Couldn't we just cover the invasion out of Tel Aviv?"

"Halfway around the world?"

"Telex New York then and say their number-one news team is ready to move on."

"Charles, you're thinking with your truncheon, not your brain. Let me lay out the problem for you. The situation on the West Bank is still awful. The Druse are still providing visuals on the Golan. And one shot of Menachem Begin trying to reassure the nation — if that's not television, what is?"

"But you say we can't get on the evening news because of these Falklands."

"Look, Horsley," said Charley, pulling himself off the other elbow so that he was almost vertical now. "I say this. When Vietnam started it was a great story, but there's no story there now. When Costa Rica started it was a great story, now it's —"

"You mean El Salvador, Charley. Costa Rica is the peaceful island of democracy in a region of violence and instability. You oughtn't get your Central American countries confused when you're reporting from them."

"But that's the point, Horsley. I'm not reporting from El Rica or whatever, or San something. When the story is over, you move on. Otherwise you're sunk. I mean, you're the best producer the network has, right?"

"I guess," Horsley said.

"And I'm far and away the best correspondent..."

"Far and away."

"Why?"

"Why? Because we can go into any country, any war, any situation on the face of the earth and inside of twenty minutes have a major on-the-spot, in-depth, report on the

two central points seemed to emerge.

Firstly, there was a remarkable degree of continuity between the Likud governments of the past five years and the previous Labour governments, particularly in light of the Likud's claim to being diametrically opposed, ideologically, to its long-lived predecessor. Secondly, there was the revelation of how shockingly unprepared the Likud was to take over the reins of power, despite the 29 years it had in opposition.

Economics Professor Yoram Ben-Porat was perhaps the most persuasive on the theme of *plus ça change*. After analysing the Likud government's performance over five years with regard to wages, subsidies, the extent of government in-

volvement in the economy and other, economic criteria, he concluded that "it is impossible to identify any profound basic change in the economic policies of the Likud governments as compared with the previous Labour governments."

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national insurance entitlements to Aguda educational institutions, which had been put on a par with state institutions.

Public attention had focused on the dramatic issues of principle: Jewish identity, archeology and possibly even the current El Al imbroglio, where the Aguda often tended to compromise or give in. The pragmatic, important precedents on monetary concessions were usually overlooked, although they will most likely become permanent.

There was general agreement among a number of the speakers that there had clearly been a regression in the attitudes of the Likud government and its constituent parties to the civil service, especially under the current Begin coalition.

The first Likud government was marked by a very visible lack of self-confidence on the part of the new ministers, and an appalling shortage of Likud followers, either willing or qualified, to take over major positions in the civil service. During the term of the present administration, there has also been a far greater incidence of political appointments, which have not necessarily produced an improvement in qualifications for office.

Likud spokesmen, and those of Tami, for example, who seek to justify a return to the spoils system, often point to the early years of Mapai governments when the party membership card and loyalty to faction and faction boss were paramount criteria in appointments. The fact is, however, that there had been a significant growth in professionalism in the civil service in the latter Labour governments, which the second Begin coalition is now in the process of reversing.

Political scientist Dr. Ehud Sprinzak elicited laughter and groans of disbelief and protest when he insisted on factoring in the element of luck in seeking to explain how Begin overcame the profound crisis in authority which characterized a large part of his first term of office. Nevertheless, he had a point.

BASING HIMSELF on a study of the periodic polling of the public mood and its attitudes towards the government, he concluded that there had been a deep crisis of confidence between the summer of 1978 and April of 1981. During that time, public support for the government fluctuated around the 20 per cent level, with 80 per cent believing that the government was doing a poor job.

Begin's good fortune, he noted, was that the three disruptive elements in his cabinet — Moshe Dayan, Ezer Weizman and Yigael Hurvitz — chose to resign, each for his own reasons.

The man responsible for the deep crisis of confidence in the new government's economic policies, Simha Ehrlich also resigned, although he gave up only the finance portfolio and not his cabinet seat. In Sprinzak's book, the "heroes" of the Begin coalition's rejuvenation and its electoral success in June 1981, were Arik Sharon and Yoram Aridor.

Sharon, he said, "outsettled" the opposition from the right, which constituted a serious electoral threat to Begin and the Likud. Aridor, for a short but crucial period, managed to erase the memories of the extreme fluctuations between the Ehrlich and Hurvitz economic policies.

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir, an NRP MK, was the only government representative to participate in the study day.

The marked absence of any top-ranking Likud representatives was itself an expression of one of the changes wrought by the advent of the new governments: a deep-seated suspicion of, and an alienation from, the academic community.

Ben-Meir, too, dwelt on the basic points of continuity in foreign policy: the striving for peace, the primacy accorded to the interests of security, orientation on the West and the allocation of a central role

to relations with the U.S.

The changes he imputed to the Begin governments' policies and styles in the field of foreign affairs were, he argued, its daring initiatives.

One man's daring may well be another's foolhardiness, but Ben-Meir ticked off the following examples of such "daring" foreign policy departures: the decision, from the beginning, to work towards splitting Egypt off from the rest of the hostile Arab world, and concluding a peace agreement, even at a very high cost; the autonomy proposal; establishing the precedent of unexpected Israeli actions, as in the bombing of the Iraqi reactor in Baghdad and the adoption of the Golan Law; and, "the great measure of success," in establishing the principle of the unacceptability of an imposed settlement from the outside in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Ben-Meir's theses are open to argument, certainly in an Israel whose consensus on foreign policy has broken down, which is in no small part due to the positioning of the Begin government far to the right of the centre of public opinion (previous Labour governments made a point of commanding that centre position).

The deputy minister, however, made an impressive performance of presenting a very controversial position to a basically sceptical audience.

If he is as good in presenting the case of Israel and the policies of its present government to hostile or similarly sceptical audiences abroad, he should undoubtedly be counted as an outstanding asset in the Begin government.

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It won't hide

"TALK ABOUT the 10.7 per cent rise in the index!" MK Ra'anana Na'im urged Finance Minister Yoram Aridor during the Knesset debate on the Alignment's motion of no-confidence Wednesday. Mr. Na'im might as well have exhorted Mr. Aridor to discuss his lowering of the custom duties on colour television sets, which made so many people love the Likud last year.

The government's dismal economic record was the last subject the finance minister cared to take up, in seeking to rebut the Alignment's argument which focused precisely on the economy. It was far more convenient to divert parliament, and the people, with quips about the two Likud Knesset members who, by a master-stroke of mistiming, had been induced to switch over to the Alignment just before the no-confidence vote.

It was a shrewd stratagem, employed by virtually all Likud speakers in the debate. As demagoguery, it was pretty effective. But the question, posed by Labour leader Shimon Peres, still called for an answer: What is there for Menachem Begin's government to brag about in its running of Israel's economy?

The people of this country must stop living in a fool's paradise: this was the sage warning sounded earlier this month by the sage chairman of the Bank of Israel Advisory Committee, Prof. Haim Barkai. But this same fool's paradise has been the creation of none other than Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. He it was, after all, who launched the unscrupulous campaign of extravagant spending designed to bribe voters into casting their ballots for the Likud last year.

Many of them did, too, and in sufficient numbers to return the Likud, though grown increasingly unpopular, to power. They did so in the belief, officially fostered, that the Treasury was well enough stocked to share its wealth with the citizenry, that inflation was being energetically suppressed with the injection of high doses of subsidies, and that everything was coming up roses in this land of limitless opportunities.

Now they may be starting to realize that all that was but a chimera staged by Mr. Aridor for political ends. Since the index has jumped a full 10.7 per cent in the month of April it is hard not to realize that the roses were artificial, and that they have turned into ashes. The clever exercise in economic manipulation, to which Mr. Aridor gave the fancy title of "proper economics," is now ended.

Because of the excess demand generated by the Treasury, inflation is again shooting up — the projection for the entire year is no less than 136 per cent — and wage earners are freshly called upon to restrain their demands. The time for belt-tightening has come again.

Perhaps, it is true, not for very long. For another election is looming, whether in November or the following May, and it would be unreasonable to expect Mr. Aridor to punish the electorate with which he will be seeking to curry favour. A repetition of last year's exercise may not, of course, be so easy, for the foreign currency reserves Mr. Aridor now has at his disposal are rather smaller than those left him by Yigael Hurvitz.

But the attempt will almost certainly be made for the public to feel, even if only for a few months, in fool's paradise again. Only this time the electorate may prove somewhat less gullible. This time, at least, the public will have no excuse not to know that the successive policies, such as they were, of Likud finance ministers have only helped to divert the economy from growth to stagnation, making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

These, at any rate, are the issues that should have been debated in the Knesset on Wednesday. Ducking them will not help advance Israel on the road to economic independence, not to speak of economic viability.

MAPAM-LABOUR

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into the Alignment, former Mapam secretary-general Meir Talmi even read the text aloud at the meeting.

The Labour position, however, is that since the two are going to get seats earmarked for Labour on the Knesset list, they ought to be regarded as new Labour members. Mapam, it is argued in Labour, cannot object to anyone joining Labour. But Mapam noted that Linn and Peretz had clearly not entered the Labour Party as such.

Linn has formed a separate Alignment faction while Peretz decided on a vague and unprecedented status of "a parliamentary bloc with the Alignment," which means that he is a member of the Alignment Knesset faction, but not of any other party forum. Thus, Mapam says that it is fully within its right to exercise a veto over the expansion of the Alignment.

Mapam secretary general Victor Shemtov says he had known about the deal with the two Likud members and told Labour chairman Shimon Peres last Monday that he "strongly disapproves, but will stay silent for two days if the deal facilitates bringing down the government. But the move is immoral and not all ends justify the means."

The Labour political bureau, meanwhile, overwhelmingly ratified the deals with Peretz and Linn, despite reservations expressed by many members. It is said in Labour that most bureau members had no choice but to approve, since many party leaders, from many different factions, were privy to the deals before they were made final.

These leaders could not shirk responsibility from the deals, resulting in their getting considerable support in the vote, although in private, party MKs have been severely critical.

In all, 32 bureau members voted in favour of the deal, five against and six abstained. The opponents included MKs Yossi Sarid and Jacques Amir, as well as Yitzhak

Ben-Aharon and Ze'ev Sternhell. Among the abstainers were MK Shevah Weiss, Young Guard secretary Haim Ramon and Uri Agami of Haifa.

Peres said the deals were absolute and final, although the ratification was in principle. The agreements with the two would have to be phrased and approved again in a formal step.

Peres argued that although the government emerged victorious in Wednesday's no-confidence motion vote, the winning away of Linn and Peretz from the Likud had "already proved a success. The abstainers and those who voted against the government were more numerous than those who supported it."

Sarid warned obliquely that he might leave the Alignment if Peretz and Linn are brought in.

Rumours circulating in the party corridors yesterday had it that Sarid and the Citizens Rights Movement's Shulamit Aloni might indeed quit.

Ben-Aharon, after expressing "total despair," told Peres that he "cannot guarantee Knesset seats for anyone. Your own mandate is far from certain," he argued.

Sternhell said Labour is returning "to its old days of manipulations, tricks and backroom schemes, instead of reforming into a party of principles and ideology. It would be better for us to appeal to the voter once more than to try to achieve our aims through machinations that distort the verdict of the electorate at the polls."

Amir argued that "if Linn and Peretz just wanted to innocently come home to Labour, without any ulterior motive and 'Kalanteristic' intentions, they should have done so without insisting on their various conditions. But they did make conditions and we did meet them."

But, on the other side, MK Micha Harish said that Labour should "strive to get back to power still during the 10th Knesset's term of office so that we can fight them next elections from the advantageous position of government."

REFORMING THE SYSTEM

By YOSEF GOELL

IT IS ALWAYS a pleasure watching people doing what they do best.

Menachem Begin, who is no great shakes at running a government or a country, although he has improved somewhat in his second term, is at his consummate best at that point at which politics turns into theatre, where he can give free rein to his mastery of sarcasm.

Shimon Peres and his lieutenant, Moshe Shahal, although they have not the faintest idea how to overcome the degree of popular aversion to their party that has prevented it from returning to power, are at their best in the sort of manipulations characterized this week by the induced defection of the two Likudniks, Yitzhak Peretz and Amnon Linn, back to their ancestral Labour home.

Peres and Shahal nearly pulled off their gamble in Wednesday's Knesset motion of no confidence. But in politics, as in war, nearly is just not good enough. Gloating from the safety of his one vote majority, Begin, in the hypocritical jousting as to which of the two major parties was the most tainted by "Kalanterism," the seduction of disaffected members of one party to defect to the other, delivered himself of the best line in the whole debate. Peres, he said sanctimoniously, would have been forgiven his latest Kalanteristic crime, had he been successful in his aim of toppling the government. Having failed, only the taint of that questionable manipulation will remain in the public's memory.

Perhaps the greatest price Peres will yet have to pay for that failure will be in his own party. Charismatic, founding-father political leaders like Begin can expect to be forgiven all their sins and miscalculations by their mesmerized party faithful, witness his own unchallenged hold on his party's leadership through eight electoral defeats in 29 years. Functional party leaders like Peres, who command only a modicum of personal loyalty among the party barons by whose sufferance they hold on to power, are vouchsafed a very limited quota of such errors and failures before they are brought to account by their frustrated followers.

One of the telltale signs of the development of such an incipient revolt against Peres in the Labour Alignment will be whether the promises made to Peretz and Linn concerning their inclusion in the safe part of the next Alignment list of candidates is indeed honoured by the party. It is far from certain that Peres will be able to make his commitments stick.

THERE WERE enough growls of dissent and disgust from within Labour and Mapam at the crudeness of the latest manipulation to give substance to the Likud charges of Kalanterism. It was the height of hypocrisy, however, for Begin and his followers to be the ones to point that particular finger at anyone else.

Begin's own rise in tone when he went on to charge Peres and Shahal with stooping so low as to offer financial inducements to one of the two

returning prodigal sons (in the form of promises of jobs in the Histadrut economic empire to Yitzhak Peretz' followers) was exceedingly strange coming from a prime minister whose own hair's-breadth coalition was made possible by the major financial bribing of Agudat Yisrael.

The truth is that the judicial precedent that a Knesset seat "belongs" to the member himself and not to the party on whose list he was elected, has been seriously undermined.

The hoary political practice was sanctified by Begin himself five years ago in his justification of its extension by the late Moshe Dayan, when he defected from the Labour list to accept Begin's offer of the Foreign Ministry. Dayan even added a new twist to that practice by becoming the first MK to so defect before even taking up his seat in the new Knesset.

Begin's unguarded admission that the initiative on Wednesday for the defector had been Dayan's and that had been taken in talks with himself much before the elections, made that additional twist all the more questionable.

The particular heat which the present defections generated is a reflection of the political fact that they nearly succeeded in tipping the scales and toppling the Begin government. That and the fear that in the present 59-strong minority coalition that now backs the Begin government there may be other potential Peretz and Linn in the woodwork who could possibly pull off what those two only narrowly failed to bring about.

THE CASES of Peretz and Linn, and of Avraham Melamed of the National Religious Party, highlight an interesting aspect of the present coalition and one of its greatest weaknesses. In order to keep as many coalition MKs as possible happy, Begin was compelled to inflate the number of cabinet ministers and sub-cabinet deputy ministers to an unprecedented figure. Half of the coalition MKs serve in such executive capacities in the present government.

This is certainly a development that has succeeded in keeping the Shilansky, Rubins and Shifmans happy. But by the same token, it has intensified the jealousy of those hapless 30 or so coalition members who have been reduced to the sorry state of being MKs and nothing more. Given the degraded status of an MK nowadays, that jealousy and resentment can be expected to burn with a fierce flame indeed.

Take, for example, Avraham Melamed, a veteran, disciplined and politically savvy NRP Knesset member. It only needed his being demoted to become one of the two members of the six-man NRP faction not to have an executive appointment to induce him to make the heretical oppositionist noises he made in the hours preceding Wednesday's vote.

The fragility of today's parties, as evidenced by the twin defections, Melamed's noises, the split in Tebiya in Wednesday's vote, and the indecision in the two-man Telem faction, makes it unlikely that Begin coalition's can last for

Dry Bones



THE problem is that there is just as strong a likelihood of a repetition of the Likud-Labour standoff that resulted from the last elections, with the unavoidable result of the formation of a new coalition, either Likud or Labour-led, that would be just as shaky and just as impossible to control as the present one.

THERE IS ROOM at this point, with the electorate seemingly nearly equally divided between the two major parties and the system of totally party-dominated politics very much in disarray, to consider a fundamental reshuffling of the cards and a reordering of the basic rules of the political game. The time has come for the responsible heads of the major parties to give renewed consideration to the issue of electoral reform. This alone can guarantee getting the country out of the bind that the new political and social realities have created.

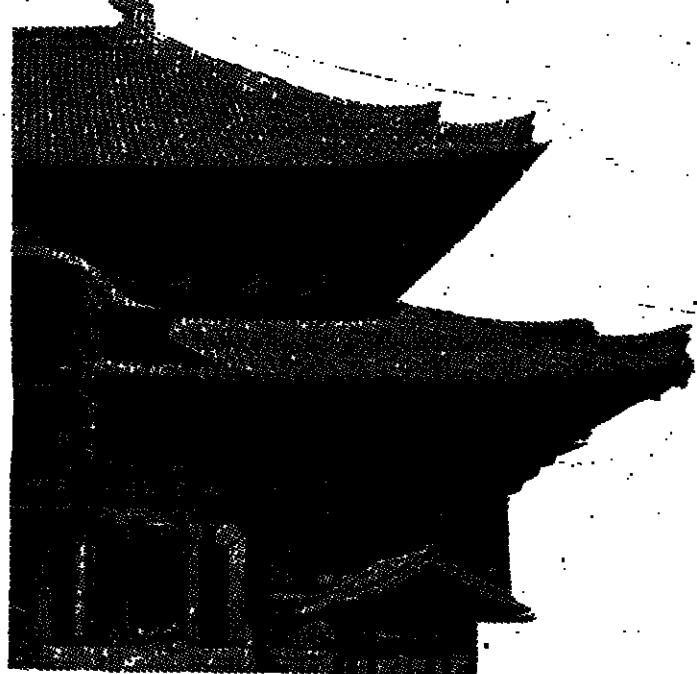
Begin and his Herut Party have traditionally opposed the idea of electoral reform, while Labour has ostensibly backed it. Begin's opposition was always based on the as-

sumption that a shift to some form of constituency elections would only serve to entrench a permanent Labour majority. The political facts today are such that this is no longer true. Both parties have reason to believe that a relegation of the smaller parties to more marginal roles would benefit them.

In such an atmosphere, where the Likud and Labour have a shared interest in backing a system that would permit either of them to rule more effectively, untrammelled by

small-party blackmail, there is much to be said for Begin and Peres taking the first steps in such an initiative. The small parties will howl, but since there is a determination to go to early elections in any case, their howls may safely be ignored. There is reason to believe, however, that today's electorate would be overwhelmingly in favour of such a change.

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